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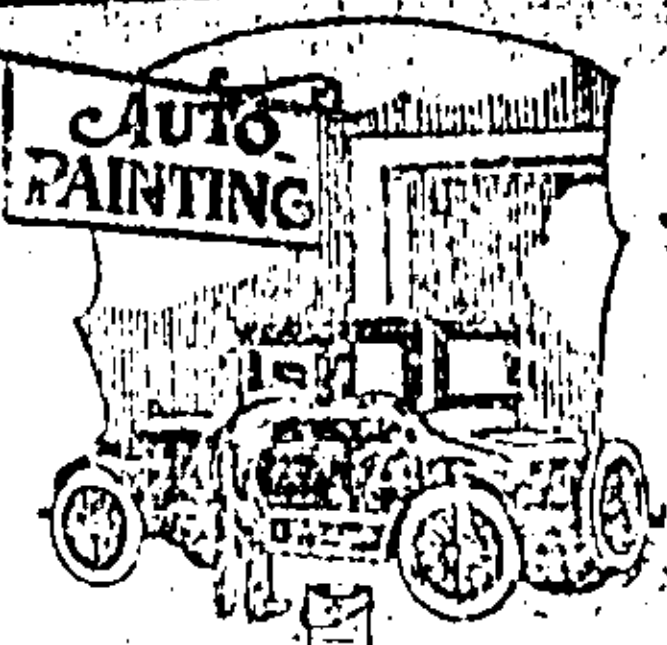
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HOTEL COMPANY MEETING.

PROPOSED NEW SHARE ISSUE.

PENINSULA HOTEL READY NEXT YEAR.

NEW WING AT REPULSE BAY.

The intention of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., to raise more capital shortly by offering three further shares for every ten shares held in the present issued capital of the Company, at a premium of \$2.50 each, was announced at the annual meeting of shareholders held at noon to-day. Further announcements made were to the following effect:—

Owing to the popularity of the Majestic Hotel in Shanghai, it is intended to increase its accommodation from time to time as opportunities permit.

Arrangements have been completed for the acquisition of the reversionary interest in the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, previously held on lease, at a price of £62,500, thus completing the ownership by the Company of all the sites upon which its hotels are situated or under construction.

Purchase of the site of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, has been completed, and it is hoped this hotel will be ready for occupation in the third quarter of 1926.

A mortgage of two lakhs of dollars has been paid off the property at Repulse Bay, where a new wing of 60 rooms to the hotel is expected to be ready for occupation in the last quarter of this year.

The Company's new garage at Happy Valley, giving accommodation for 150 cars, will be available at the end of this month.

Mr. J. H. Taggart presided and there were also present:—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. E. M. Raymond (directors), Mr. W. J. Hawker (assistant general manager), Mr. J. Bartholomew (acting secretary), the Rev. Father L. Robert, Messrs. Fung Tat-hang, A. W. Smith, J. P. Bourne, J. E. Mackenzie, J. T. Bagram, Lau Shu-chuh, H. J. H. White, U. N. Omar, Yang Chi-nong, Joseph Gould, Leon Lai-fung, H. Gittins, T. N. Chau, Yi Ping-lau, Ip Wing-cho, W. H. Brown, Lam Shiu-hing, Ko Leong-ho, Fred Ellis, Tang Chi-hing, L. A. Tobias, H. S. Bennett, Felix M. Ellis, W. E. Van Eps, Chan Yat-fung, R. L. Bridger, M. J. Cox, J. G. Sinclair, O. Kitchell, Chan Tung-shan, Dr. C. M. Hoonley, T. R. Parsons, O. R. Benson, G. P. Lammert, P. M. N. de Silva, H. Birkett, A. A. Alves, E. Abraham, E. E. Ellis, Tang Hung-kai, Ng Siu-sau, W. J. Carroll, A. G. W. Ogilvie and others. The total number of shares represented was 223,336.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The accounts and Directors' report having been in your hands for the prescribed period conforming with the Companies' Ordinances, I will, with your permission, follow established procedure and take the same as read. The report of the Auditors is as follows:—"We have audited the above accounts and balance sheet with the books and documents of the Head Office and the accounts and balance sheet of the Shanghai branch rendered by Messrs. Thomson and Co. certified by them as correct. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.—Ferry Smith, Soth & Fleming, Auditors, Hongkong, 23rd March 1925."

Before I proceed to review the affairs of the undertaking and to report to you on the results of the business during the past financial year, I desire to place on record the irreplaceable loss sustained by the Company in the death of the 31st of May last of the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe. The late Mr. Lowe, whom to know was to esteem, never failed to give to this Company the full benefit of his wide and valuable experience, and in the deliberations of your Board his advice, based, as it was, upon knowledge of a varied and practical nature, not only commanded respect but was influential in a great measure in placing the Company in the sound position which it has attained in recent years. It is

therefore with a sense of the profound regret at his death that I make this reference, inasmuch as this sad event not only deprived the Colony of a public spirited and able councillor but also removed from our midst, at an all too early age, a figure whose genial manner and kindly disposition endeared him to all with whom he came into contact.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Turning to the accounts for the year 1924, you will observe that the net credit balance of Profit and Loss Account amounted to \$855,082.52, as against \$1,068,790.15 in respect of the year 1923. Deducting therefrom, for the purpose of comparison, the amounts respectively brought forward to 1924 and the preceding year, the relative net figures are \$769,844.87 and \$1,043,076.05, showing a decrease of \$273,231.18 for the past year. In making such comparison, however, I desire to point out that the profit for the year 1923 included an amount of \$145,268.60 representing profit realised by the disposal of certain investments etc., whilst during the past year the Profit and Loss Account, so far from receiving the benefit of any similar items, was, on the contrary, unfortunately handicapped by extraordinary charges in respect of legal fees, stamp duties, etc., included in the debit of \$95,531.01. The liquidation of the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., and the transfer of its properties under the agreement for amalgamation with this Company and the hypothecation of hotel properties both in Hongkong and (after transfer in the liquidation) in Shanghai, as security under mortgage to our bankers in connection with the financial facilities granted to this Company, were responsible in a great degree for this heavy expenditure, in addition to which I might add that a not inconsiderable portion of the loss was incurred in connection with legal action taken by your Board in a matter connected with the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., which action, being satisfactorily settled out of court, resulted in this Company recovering a sum of some \$400,000 which amount was absorbed in the assets on amalgamation.

It appears to me unnecessary to comment upon the figures under the headings of the Profit and Loss Account, inasmuch as such headings are, I think, self-explanatory. I should, perhaps, draw your attention, however, to the fact that the balance of Profit and Loss Account, namely \$855,082.52, at the 31st December, 1924, is the net balance after \$218,929.44 has been charged in respect of depreciation. In view of our conservative policy in the matter of depreciating our buildings, furniture, fixtures, etc., your Board have not deemed it necessary on this occasion to propose the transfer to reserve accounts of any portion of our profits for the past year, more especially as \$250,000 was voted to reserve out

of the profits of 1923. Therefore, after allocation of the \$281,617.20 paid as interim dividend for 1924 and of the \$454,183.20 proposed as final dividend for the year, the sum of \$119,281.12 remains to be carried forward. This balance is somewhat larger than the amount we usually carry forward to the succeeding year; nevertheless, I am confident that shareholders will endorse the action of the Board in proposing that this balance be carried forward and thus be available for the requirements of the ensuing year.

CAPITAL.

Turning to the balance sheet, you will observe that during the year 1924 the Company's issued capital was increased by 381,972 shares. This was occasioned by the issue of shares at par in accordance with the offer to shareholders of one "new" share for each one "old" share then held by them, and by the issue of 10,000 shares credited as fully paid-up in part consideration for the purchase of 16 to 16d. Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, to which I shall refer later. The balance of our authorised capital remaining unissued now consists of 243,028 shares, in which connection it appears opportune for me to make mention of the fact that your Board propose to issue as many of the shares comprising this balance as will be required to satisfy an offer, shortly to be made to shareholders, of three further shares for every ten shares held in the present issued capital. Furthermore, it is proposed on this occasion to secure a small premium for the benefit of the Company; to this, I venture to think, shareholders cannot reasonably take exception, more especially in view of the fact that the issue of share for share last year was made at par and thus placed shareholders in an exceedingly favourable position. Consequently, it is the intention of your Board to offer those further shares at \$12.50, that is to say at a premium of \$2.50 per share payable as to \$7.50 on the 30th June and \$5 on the 30th September next. In due course, notice will be given to shareholders in relation to this proposed issue and the terms of the offer vis-a-vis the holdings in the present subscribed capital of the Company.

THE MAJESTIC.

The outstanding feature in the development of our business during the year under review, was undoubtedly the opening of the Majestic Hotel in Shanghai on the 1st November last, and I am pleased to be able to inform you that the measure of patronage extended to that establishment since its inception has already been such as to justify the action of your Board in acquiring the property and converting the main building for the purposes of an hotel. By the inauguration of the Majestic Hotel, we have embarked upon a project which, I have no doubt, will, in course of time, substantially augment the revenue of the Company by reason of the extensive nature of the well laid-out grounds and the central location of this valuable property, enabling us to render to our patrons service of the highest quality, in an atmosphere of equal comfort that cannot fail to prove attractive and which it would be exceedingly difficult to surpass elsewhere. At present the limited bedroom accommodation at our disposal has resulted in the management having been reluctantly compelled to turn away numerous applications in respect of reservations. This alone bears ample testimony to the fact that an establishment of this nature and of this class is long-felt want in Shanghai for a first-class residential hotel. It is therefore the intention of your Board to increase the accommodation from time to time as opportunities permit, in pursuance of the Company's policy of improvement whereby, in other instances, in substitution for the more or less out-of-date accommodation now offered by some of our establishments, additions will be made on lines embodying modern ideas of hotel construction.

The grounds of the Majestic afford ample space for extensions to the Hotel and we are therefore in an excellent position to embrace the premises as the situation demands, and, as the land is already owned by the Company, the expenditure to be faced by this connection would be that of the buildings only. By the purchase of this property, we have not only safeguarded our interests in the rapidly developing western district of Shanghai—the situation being excellent and sufficiently removed from the congestion and noise of the city to be suitable for residential purposes and yet within easy access of the shopping and business centre—but have acquired a landed asset that will show an enhanced valuation year by year as evidenced by prices recently paid in respect of properties in that vicinity. I feel that it is unnecessary to refer to the restaurant and ballroom, as doubtless shareholders will have perused with interest the very favourable comments made thereon in the press reports in regard to the opening of the Majestic Hotel, and also in connection with various public functions since held at that establishment.

THE PALACE HOTEL.

Improvements have also been effected in the other establishments under our management in Shanghai with a view to modernising same, this being particularly necessary owing to the increasing popularity of our catering departments, as shown by the volume of patronage they are receiving. As you are doubtless aware, the property comprising the Palace Hotel in Shanghai (situate at the junction of The Bund and Nanking Road) was held under lease by the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., for a period of fifty years from 1905. I am pleased to be able to inform you that, due to the lengthy unexpired period of the lease in question, your Board have recently been enabled to complete arrangements for the acquisition of the reversionary interest at the reasonable figure £62,500, and having in mind that a recent independent assessment made appraised the value of the land alone at £175,000, the purchase is one showing a not inconsiderable benefit to the Company, more especially in view of the fact that it will be necessary within the next ten or fifteen years to consider reconstruction of the Palace Hotel. When that time arrives, it will be a source of satisfaction to us to be in a position to embark upon this work in the knowledge that the land is owned by the Company; moreover we should not be faced with the heavy amortization allocations that would otherwise be necessary under the lease which would then have a residual unexpired life of merely fifteen to twenty years. I am pleased to be able to inform you that the purchase of the Palace Hotel property now completes the ownership by the Company of all the sites upon which its hotels are situated or are under construction.

During the year 1923 we paid the Government for the site of the Peninsula Hotel at Kowloon, and satisfied the balance of the purchase price of the site acquired in connection with the proposed construction of the Canton Hotel on the Shamoan. We also paid off a mortgage for two lakhs on our Repulse Bay property.

DEVELOPMENT IN HONGKONG.

Turning to Hongkong, I desire to point out that although progress upon the construction of the Peninsula Hotel was, in the initial stages, somewhat slow, since it was necessary to sink some 600 piles, and as is inevitable with foundation work, a considerable period had to elapse during which there was little to show, although much spadework was being undertaken; nevertheless in this connection it may interest you to know that the system of Frankli piling operated by the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co. has not only proved exceedingly satisfactory but appears to be particularly well suited to underground work of this description, where it is necessary

"COLLEAGUES".

GOVERNMENT SEAMEN RESIST SEARCH.

Two Chinese seamen, of the steam launch Victoria, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of resisting search by three Chinese detectives in Waterloo Road last night.

The detectives, who were on search duty, following the report of an armed robbery at No. 1109 Canton Road, met the two defendants in Waterloo Road and accosted them with the intention of searching them. When the detectives brushed their hands over the men's bodies they retaliated by knocking the constables' hands off. On being told that the seamen were police constables, the two defendants replied that they were colleagues being employed on His Excellency's launch, Victoria, and were as much Government servants as the detectives were. After the two men started to be abusive, the detectives took them to the Police Station, where they behaved in a very disorderly manner.

The defendants denied having offered any resistance, remarking that the detectives insisted on their going to the station after they had been searched. In imposing fines of \$10 each, his Worship thought that because they were Government servants they were above other people.

USING PEASHOOTER.

DAMAGE TO MOTOR CAR.

For discharging peashooters at a motor car, causing marks to the bonnet, Mr. Thomas Arnold, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, charged a small Chinese boy at the Central Magistracy this morning. The incident was stated to have occurred in Bonham Road, near Hill's Street, when two boys aimed their peashooters at the car passed. One of them (the defendant in the case) was caught after a chase.

Mr. J. R. Wood discharged the diminutive defendant, but directed that his mother, who had agreed to the course to give the boy a chastisement outside the court in a manner satisfactory to Mr. Thomas Arnold.

TOOTH BRUSHES.

TRADE MARK PROSECUTIONS.

The Tai Yau, the Chen Kwong and the Tin Suen Companies were amongst those against whom proceedings were taken, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for alleged infringement of the "Prophy-lac-tic" brand of tooth brushes. The summonses against the Tai Yau and Tin Suen were adjourned, whilst the Chen Kwong case Mr. Hugh Jones applied for a withdrawal, stating that the Company had undertaken to surrender the goods bearing the false marks and to cease from carrying further stocks.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, April 7. The latest Scottish football League results are:— Rangers 2, Aberdeen 0. St. Mirren 1, Airdrie 0.—Router.

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CONSTRUCTION MEETING.

QUESTIONS BY SHAREHOLDER.

CHAIRMAN EXPLAINS DEFICIENCIES.

SOME CONTRACT FIGURES.

An exhaustive series of questions yield satisfactory profits and had was put by Mr. J. P. Braga at the third annual meeting of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., this morning.

Mr. R. G. Shewan was in the chair and there were also present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Rev. Father Robert, Mr. J. Scott Harston (directors), Mr. S. C. Cook (Secretary), Messrs. Fung Tat-hang, J. P. Braga, Li Po-chun, J. Coulthart, A. A. Alves, and L. Ginn (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and, with your permission, we will dispense with the reading of them now. At our meeting last year, I referred to certain contracts with the Hongkong Government, which were causing losses, and I said that the difficulties encountered had been overcome and work was proceeding more satisfactorily. This was true at that time, as we had succeeded, after long and difficult negotiations, in placing upon a proper basis our arrangements for the supply of labour and materials, and had good reason to hope that the worst was over. The engineer formerly in charge of these contracts had previously been called upon for an explanation of various matters connected therewith, and, as he could give no satisfactory answer to the questions put to him, he was dismissed from the Company's service and subsequently left the Colony. It was discovered that the engineer in question had made commitments (without the sanction or knowledge of the Directors) in a most reckless manner and apparently without regard to the ultimate outcome of the contracts, and it was not an easy matter to arrive at a satisfactory understanding with the parties concerned. As time went on, however, it became apparent that the estimates of our late engineer, upon which the tenders in connection with the contracts above referred to were based, were made out on far too low a basis to lead to anything but severe loss, quite apart from the initial losses and despite the economies we had effected. As soon as we realised this, which was about the middle of 1924, we placed our case before the Government, and were informed that any representations we desired to make would be considered by Government on the satisfactory completion of the contracts in question. We expect to finish these particular contracts within the next few months. In order, to show the position as clearly as possible in the accounts, your Directors have felt compelled to provide for an estimated loss on Government contracts to the extent of \$310,000. This represents the situation on the 31st December last as nearly as can be estimated. What the final outcome of these contracts will be is extremely difficult to forecast, and I can only say, at this stage, that I do not think it can be much worse and may be a little better. I might add, in fairness to Mr. Ginn, our Manager, that the engineer to whom I have referred, came to us with satisfactory testimonials and special qualifications for the work we required of him, which was that of estimating for, and taking full charge of, contracts for public works.

Barring these unfortunate contracts with the Government, we have no reason to feel discouraged. The other work we now have in hand promises, on the whole, to

yield satisfactory profits and had we not to carry this dead weight of losses, we could have shown a fair return on last year's business. Our Frankli piling system, (which I may say in passing and notwithstanding what you may have read in the local papers, was the pioneer of this kind of piling in the Colony), promises to be a profitable source of income, for it has been adopted in preference to ordinary piling. We feel that there is a good future before it, as the system has special merits of which no other method of concrete piling partakes. Additional machinery has been ordered and is on the way out from Europe and, as working costs have been reduced, we are now in a position to tender on a competitive basis with any other system of piling. As to our prospects in general, I feel I can still speak encouragingly. We have, of course, to wipe off this deficit of \$183,000 odd before the Company can possibly reach a dividend-paying basis, but with the other work now in hand and in view, and with careful management, and the exercise of the strictest economy, I do not think it will be so very long before our accounts begin to show a balance on the right side. I said last year that we were then in better shape than six months previously, and I can say now that we are still better organized to-day for all kinds of construction work and, in particular, for our speciality which is reinforced concrete construction of all descriptions. Our plant, machinery, motor trucks, etc., are all in good condition and have been adequately written down in the books.

I now propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions thereon, that shareholders may wish to put.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. J. P. Braga said:—Mr. Chairman,—I gave notice last week that I would ask certain questions at this meeting. In my letter to the Secretary I stated that I would like to make it clear that I was not submitting my questions in any heaving spirit. I reiterate that assurance. On the other hand, I desire certain information and, in view of the fact that there are some who imagine that this Company must put up its shutters and, sooner or later, go out of business, I seek information so as to restore confidence in the Company. Personally, I do not share that pessimistic view, and should be glad to hear that my view has the endorsement of the Directors. It is to be regretted that, even though the Company is now in the fourth year of its existence, it is not yet placed on a dividend-paying basis. I am aware of the unenviable conditions created for the present Directors, and, far from wishing to make their difficult position more embarrassing, I hope the answers to my questions will have the effect of restoring public confidence in, and support of, the Company. We have heard of a great deal about "combinations" and "rings" to keep up building and construction costs in Hongkong and there seems little doubt that such "rings" do exist. I should imagine, however, that the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. is just such a Company as would be a factor towards opposing such "rings." If for that reason alone, not to mention the fact that it is a local Company with Directors having large interests in Hongkong, the Company should look to the Government and the public for that measure, of

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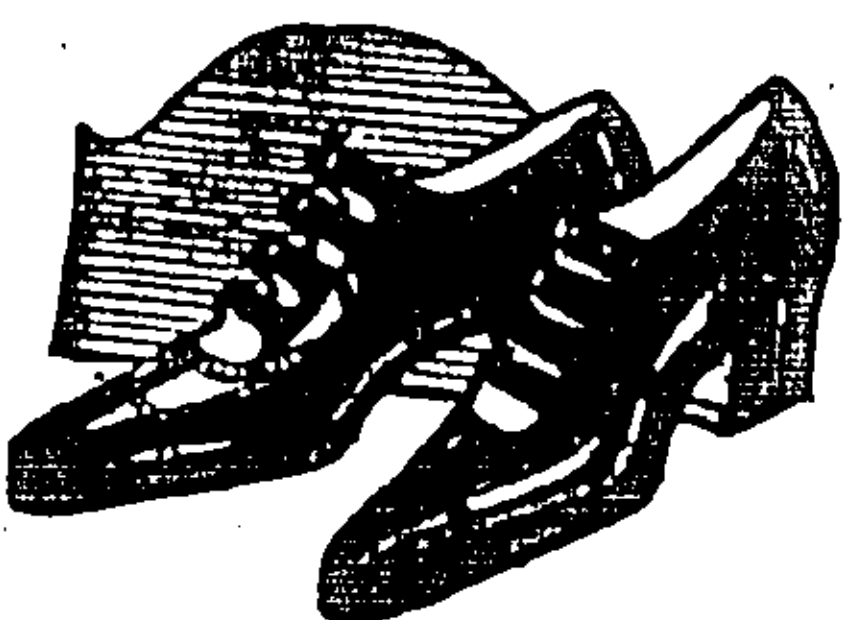
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Paris, April 7.
The final details of Mr. Demonzie's proposals, the drafting of which was completed at three o'clock in the morning, provide for payments of the extraordinary voluntary levy to be spread over five years. Taxpayers failing to make a general declaration for the purposes of the levy will be taxed on the basis of their income tax declaration. Commercial drafts will be accepted in payment. Subscribers will receive perpetual Government bonds bearing interest at three and a half or four per cent. It is estimated that the cancellation of Government securities, contributed as part of the levy, will reduce the Budget by six hundred million Francs annually.—*Reuter.*

The cabinet has finally approved Demonzie's financial proposals.—*Reuter.*

"RADON"

Baltimore, April 7.
A correspondent of the *New York Times* states that Doctor Viol, in his research report to the American Chemical Society, describes "Radon," a substance which, he states, is 180,000 times more active than radium and costs five million dollars an ounce to produce, but is cheaper in use than radium owing to its increased activity.—*Reuter's American Service.*

REPARATIONS PAYMENTS.

Paris, April 7.
A summary of the reparations payments, presented by the Agent General for Reparations, until March 31, shows Gold Marks payments to the Allies' account of 555,000,000, of which Britain received 128,000,000, France 235,000,000, Belgium 57,000,000, Italy 41,000,000 and Japan 2,500,000.—*Reuter.*

AN ALLEGED
DEFAULTER.

JUDGE SUES CLUB
PRESIDENT.

Seremban, March 28.—Before Mr. Justice McCabe Reay, in the Supreme Court, here, to-day, the civil suit was mentioned in which Mr. Justice McCabe Reay is suing the President of the Sungei Ujong Club, namely Mr. A. Braddon, and the Committee, namely Messrs. G. C. Whitelaw, R. Hodgson, R. W. Morris, R. C. Sherar and W. G. Howe, for damages, costs of the suit, and such further relief as the Court may direct.

Mr. G. L. Harter-Lovelace, for plaintiff, said he had received a note from his learned friend Mr. A. B. Cross, agreeing to the hearing of the case being fixed for the 7th of April. Since the plaintiff was filed, it has been amended to the extent of adding the name of Mr. Stephen Winthrop (Secretary of the S. U. Club) as a defendant. For the purpose of calculation of Stamp Duty the relief sought by plaintiff is \$501.

The facts of the case are that plaintiff alleges that on the 29th of November 1924, the defendant, wrongfully caused his name to be published in the Club as a defaulter for the sum of \$78.53 meaning thereby, that plaintiff was indebted to the Club in that amount. That defendant had attempted to collect the said sum, and that plaintiff failed to pay after proper application had been made in accordance with the Club rules. That the Secretary brought plaintiff's name before defendants in Committee as a defaulter, and that defendants in committee, having duly exercised their discretion, had come to the conclusion that plaintiff's failure to pay was of such a nature that it was necessary and in the interests of the Club that plaintiff should be proclaimed to the members and servants and visitors to the Club, as a defaulter, by posting his name as such in a prominent place in the Club. Plaintiff alleges that in causing the said document to be so published, defendants acted unlawfully and ultra vires their powers for the following reasons:—The plaintiff was not indebted to the Club in the sum of \$78.23 or any sum. Plaintiff's account did not show a debit balance. The Secretary did not send to plaintiff a notice as contemplated by Rule 38 of the Club Rules. Plaintiff was not

a defaulter and his name should not have been brought before defendants in Committee as such. The plaintiff's name was not in fact brought before defendants in Committee as a defaulter. Plaintiff was not given a reasonable opportunity of defending himself or meeting the allegation that he was indebted to the Club, and was misled by communications sent to him by the Secretary.

That defendants in deciding to publish the plaintiff's name as a defaulter either failed to exercise any discretion within the meaning of Rule 38, or wilfully abused their discretion, being actuated by a malicious desire to injure plaintiff. The action of defendants in causing plaintiff's name to be published as a defaulter was not in good faith, nor for the benefit of the Club, nor in conformity with the rules of the Club. Defendants have refused and failed, although requested so to do, to apologise or make amends for their wrong and unlawful acts.

The Defence.

In their reply defendants admit paragraphs 1 and 3 of the plaintiff. They do not admit that the Secretary is or was their paid servant, but that he was the servant of the Club. They admit that plaintiff's name was posted as being one of several who had not paid their bills, but deny that this was done illegally or wrongfully. They allege that plaintiff was indebted to the Club in \$78.53, that the Secretary sent the proper notice to plaintiff to this effect, and a subsequent notice to the effect that as plaintiff had taken no notice of the previous notification, he, the Secretary, had been instructed to post plaintiff as a defaulter. They allege that plaintiff was a defaulter within the meaning of the Club Rules. That plaintiff received the notices above mentioned and that the Secretary did not mislead plaintiff either wilfully or at all. That defendants exercised the discretion voted in them in good faith to the best of their ability and that they did nothing maliciously or otherwise than in good faith for the benefit of the Club and in conformity with its rules. The defendants deny that an apology or amends are due to plaintiff for posting him as a defaulter, and deny that such acts were wrongful or unlawful, and they asked that plaintiff's suit be dismissed with costs.

The hearing was to have been commenced to-day, but as no judge was available, the hearing was postponed until Tuesday, April 7th.

POSTMAN CHARGED.

RECEIVING AND HARBOURING
A CHINESE GIRL.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon Wong Shikam, a postman employed at the Kowloon Post Office, was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton with receiving and harbouring a young Chinese girl, 17 years of age, without the consent of her parents.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, of the Secretary of Chinese Affairs, prosecuted, and Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the defence.

The girl's mother stated that her daughter left the house at 11 a.m. on March 10, and failed to return. The girl's disappearance was reported to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs the following day, and on March 20, witness was directed by the Police to a house at Shamshui-po, where her daughter and another girl was found.

In answer to Mr. McCallum, witness said that her daughter was in the habit of getting permission before leaving the house, but on this occasion she did not ask. The girl was betrothed to another man, and both her parents were anxious that she should marry him, and not the defendant.

A Chinese detective testified to having found the girl, together with another girl, on March 20, on the first floor of No. 60 Apin Street. Witness returned to the Police Station and detailed a foki to await the defendant's return to his flat and have him arrested.

The principal tenant of the floor deposited to the defendant having rented a cubicle on March 22. The girl, whom the defendant claimed to be his wife, accompanied him, and they both lived on the floor till the day the girl was found.

The girl in evidence, said that she was on her way to a temple at Kowloon City when the defendant took her to an unknown house, later

THE COLONY'S HEALTH.

LAST WEEK'S FIGURES.

The public health return for last week shows that seventeen cases of infectious disease were notified to the Medical Officer of Health. Of these four were of smallpox, six of diphtheria, three of enteric fever and four of cerebro spinal fever. All were Chinese, and no less than thirteen occurred in the Victoria registration district. One case of smallpox was imported. There were nine deaths, two from smallpox, three from diphtheria, two from cerebro spinal fever and two from enteric fever. There was also a death from influenza, which is not a notifiable disease.

The figures for Monday were one case of diphtheria and one of cerebro spinal fever, both Chinese.

moving to the flat in Shamshui-po, where she stayed for four days.

Cross-examined by Mr. McCallum, she admitted meeting the defendant opposite the Kowloon Post Office on the day she was going to Kowloon City, but denied that she proposed to the defendant, and that he replied he would willingly marry her, but he was a poor man. Nor did she ever threaten to take her own life if the defendant refused to marry her.

The defendant stated that the girl was passing the Post Office when she called out to him and on alighting from the bus, she asked him to rent a cubicle for her. Defendant refused, and instructed her to return to her mother.

The girl, who was with the second girl, replied that they had come to him and if he refused, they would commit suicide. On being told that he had no money, the girl handed defendant a pair of bangles which he was told to pawn.

Defendant was remanded till this morning for the presence in court of an official from the Post Office.

BANDMASTER
BRADSHAW.A PRESENT FROM THE
EAST SURREYS BAND.

The Band of the East Surreys Regiment has presented their bandmaster, Mr. W. F. Bradshaw, with a silver afternoon tea service on the occasion of his leaving for Home.

The presentation was made by Band Sergt. T. Earl immediately at the close of rehearsal on Saturday last.

In reply, Mr. Bradshaw thanked the men for their kind thought and most generous gift. He thanked them also for their general perseverance, steadfastness, loyalty and sympathy, the results of which were seen in the many concerts given in the Colony, which had earned for the band the very high name it had amongst music-lovers generally. He sincerely wished them the best of luck, and a congenial successor in the bandmastership.

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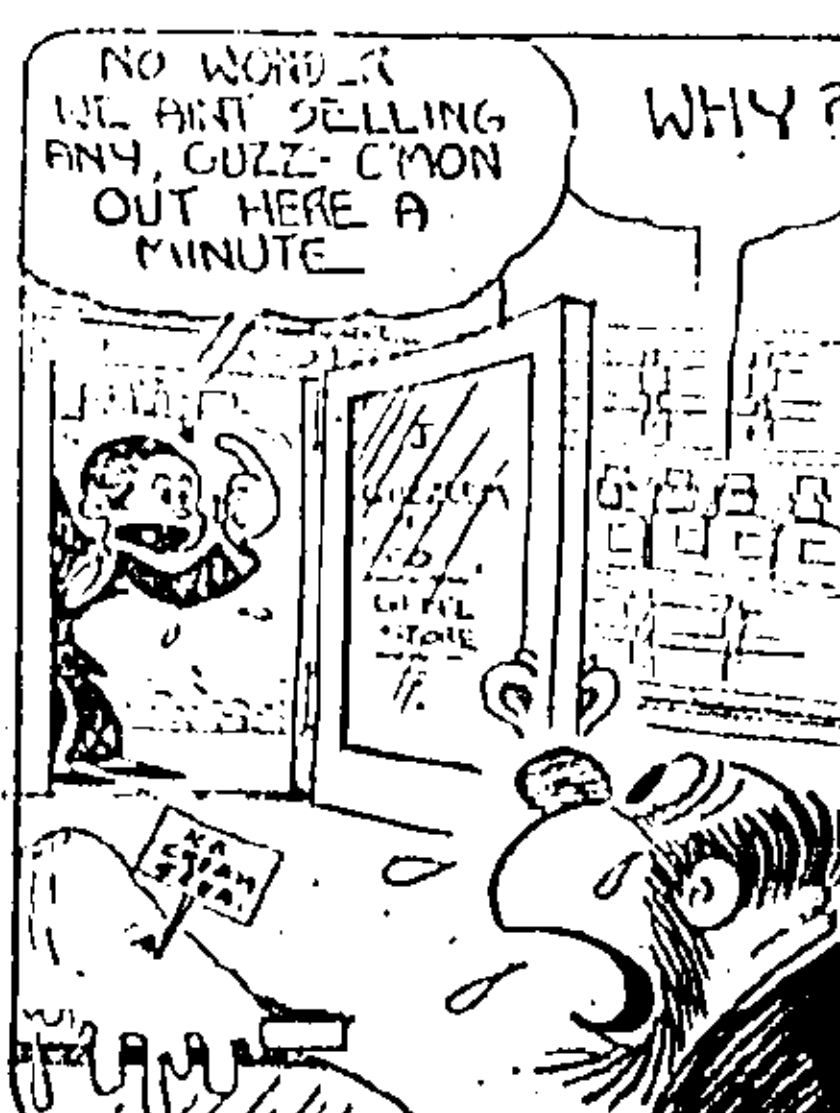
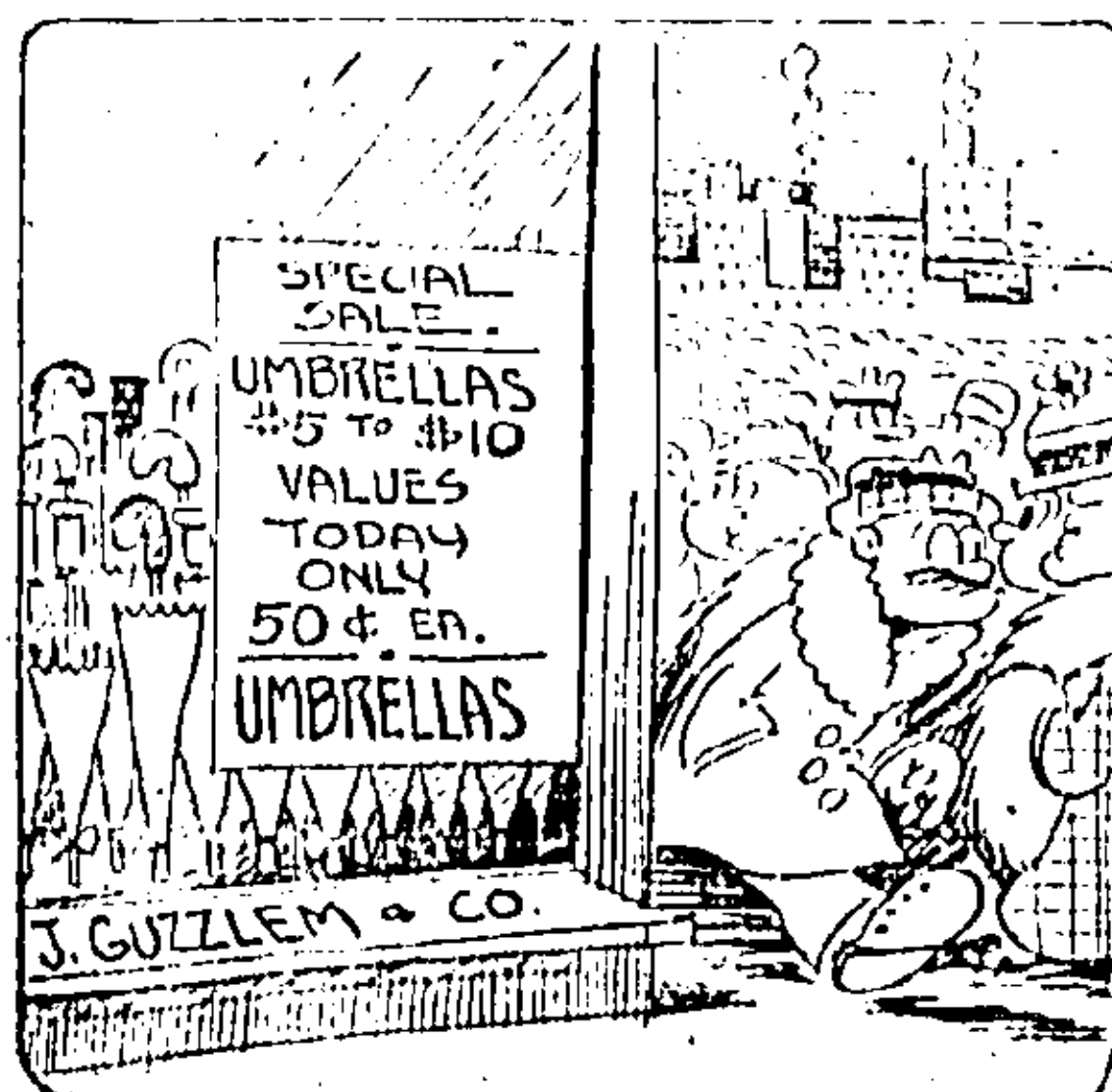
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"LUNGS" FOR KOWLOON?

DR. MACGOWN'S
RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided yesterday at a meeting of the Sanitary Board and there were also present Dr. W. W. Pearce, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cross, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and Dr. S. W. Tso, members of the Board, and also Dr. A. G. M. Soren and Mr. D. Davies.

The chief business of the meeting was a resolution standing in the name of Dr. Macgown concerning a playing ground for children in Kowloon. In moving the resolution, which was as follows:

"That, in view of the lack of space for children playing in Kowloon, the Board respectfully requests the Government to take steps to provide a suitable recreation ground in place of the present totally inadequate children's playground in Chatham Road."

Long Felt Need.

Dr. Macgown said: I am sure I am expressing a long felt need of the Kowloon people. Anyone walking along Nathan Road must realize the necessity of such a place. There can be seen at any time of the day, amusements on the pavements with the children playing in the gutter for want of a better place. There is at present a small playground in Chatham Road, but it is totally inadequate for the requirements of the peninsula. In summer time it is so hot and dusty that it is of very little use and there is danger from considerable amount of traffic passing by. There has been a lot of talk lately, and quite rightly, about typhoid and its dangers, but the incidence of mortality of typhoid in this Colony is nothing compared with that of tuberculosis. This is a disease in the prevention and treatment of which fresh air and sunshine are of the utmost importance. In order to have healthy children it is essential that they spend as much time as possible in the fresh air.

A Community Duty.

If the mothers of Kowloon keep children in the house, can they be blamed since they have nowhere in easy reach to send them except the street? Child welfare is a problem to be tackled by the health authorities of every large town and its importance is being realised more and more every day. It is the duty of a community to see that it does everything in its power to assist in the upbringing of healthy children. I do not know what land the Government have at their disposal, otherwise I might suggest a site. It is possible that the Government may have some place already in view for this purpose. My object in moving the resolution is to try and ensure that some land will be set aside for this purpose before all the available space is used up for building.

Hongkong Congested.

Dr. Koch seconded the resolution, saying that he did so with a great deal of pleasure because it was a subject upon which he thought the community took a great deal of interest. There was not the least doubt that, owing to the congestion which prevailed, disease was propagated, particularly tuberculosis. They all knew that tuberculosis was rife here and that there was little prospect of it being compassed, or, so far as he could see, even of dealing with it. Steps had been taken in England which had resulted in a diminution of the incidence of the disease by nearly half in 50 years. Apart from that it was only due to those of the growing generation that they should have plenty of fresh air during the period of their growth and adolescence. It was far better for the authorities to provide playing grounds than to allow children to hang about the streets, verandahs and about the public squares.

Hongkong's Need Also.

He was only sorry that Dr. Macgown had not made his resolution a little more comprehensive so as to include Hongkong, because Kowloon had a fair amount of fresh air, but the centre of Hongkong was absolutely polluted and congested. Anyone who knew the inside of the city knew this rabbit warren was foul and indescribably nasty. Children brought up in it naturally not only contracted disease but came in contact with other evils. For these reasons it gave him great pleasure to second the resolution.

The Chairman said he was not altogether sure whether this matter was inside the scope of the Board, but he had no intention of ruling it out. At the same time he thought

OBITUARY.

MR. T. E. CROMBIE.

By the death of Mr. Thomas E. Crombie, chief engineer of the s.s. Apocry, who passed away at the French Hospital on Monday, the nautical community loses a very old and well-known hand on the China Coast. The deceased succumbed to anaemia and had been an invalid for a number of weeks.

The late Mr. Crombie was a native of Edinburgh, and arrived in the Colony in 1894, when he joined the firm of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. He has been engaged in many shipping firms, and till the time of his death was employed as chief engineer of the s.s. Apocry, owned by the Wo Fat Shing firm of Wing Lok Street. During his career as a seaman, he had been to various parts of the world, including Mexico City. He has been working on ships on the China Coast for the last 31 years.

Deceased, who was 62 years of age, was unmarried and has no relatives in the East. He has a sister in Edinburgh.

The Funeral.

There was a large attendance of friends and colleagues at the funeral, which took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. J. H. Johnston read the graveside service, and among those present were: Capt. Hall, Thomas, Michael, Cabull, Sheara, Brown, Messrs. D. Neilson, J. Smith, D. Harvey, A. M. Simpson, F. N. Pyn, and many others. The following were among the many floral tributes laid on the grave: Captain and Officers of the s.s. Apocry, Engineers of the s.s. Apocry, the Wo Fat Shing Co., The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, Members of the Phoenix Club, the Captain and Officers of the s.s. Telemachus, the Captain and Officers of the s.s. Haldie, the Engineers of the s.s. Haldie, the Captain and Officers of the s.s. Halvard, the Engineers of the s.s. Halvard, the Captain and Officers of the s.s. Phuenpenh, the Engineers of the s.s. Phuenpenh, the European Staff of the s.s. Phuenpenh, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harvey, Messrs. G. A. Carter, A. M. Simpson, J. C. Saunders, Neil McArthur, M. W. Maffan, J. Smith, and Capt. F. C. Novik.

HARBOUR OFFICE REPORTS.

DEATHS AND A DERELICT JUNK.

The following are extracts from the Harbour Office Reports of incoming vessels:

Ho Sang (Captain J. M. Wright) from Singapore March 31, reports that one female Chinese deck passenger died from heart disease on April 3, and was buried at sea. One male Chinese deck passenger died of consumption on March 30, during the vessel's stay at Singapore, and was buried at that port.

President Jackson (Captain J. Griffith) from Shanghai, reports the death of one female deck passenger, cause of death not stated.

Shantung (Captain R. Robertson) from Amoy, reports passing a waterlogged fishing junk which was anchored and breaking up, in Latitude 22.29° N., Longitude 115.22° E. This is apparently the junk which was reported by s.s. Lorestan some few days ago and the positions indicate that prior to the sighting by s.s. Shantung there had been a drift of 1 mile to the north and about 2 miles to the east in 4 days.

Reports of weather, generally, show that in the northern part of the China Sea fair conditions are prevailing, while ships making up from the southward state that the N. E. monsoon is blowing with force. From San Pedro the s.s. Cowrie (Captain E. L. Humphreys) encountered fine weather for the whole trip, with the exception of fog locally.

It would not be proper for him to speak or vote on the matter.

There being no discussion the resolution was put to the meeting and carried, four voting for it and none against.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. S. W. Tso, Dr. Koch and himself be appointed a committee to examine the estimates of the Sanitary Board for 1925 and report to the Board.

Dr. Macgown seconded and the motion was carried.

ALL ABOUT A REVOLVER.

TWO INDIANS IN TROUBLE.

Before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, at the Central Magistrate's, yesterday, two Indians named Bachan Singh and Bakhshis Singh were charged separately with unlawful possession of a revolver. The case against Bachan Singh was heard first.

Mr. T. H. King, Deputy Superintendent of Police, conducted the prosecution, and Mr. H. J. Armstrong defended. Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ) represented Bakhshis Singh.

Two motor drivers of the Central Fire Station, one of them an Indian named Jumma Khan and the other a Chinese, were the chief witnesses called yesterday. It appeared from the evidence that Bakhshis Singh was an old friend of the Indian motor driver. In the course of a conversation he told Jumma Khan that he had a revolver, which he wanted him to sell. This happened on March 23. Jumma Khan said he himself would buy the revolver, and followed the matter up on March 23, when he visited Bakhshis Singh at the latter's garage at Lower Albert Road. The defendant Bachan Singh was also in the garage. Jumma Khan asked Bakhshis Singh about the revolver, but failing to see it, he left.

The next thing that happened was on March 27. About 9 p.m. that day Jumma Khan was standing outside A. S. Watson and Company's branch dispensary, at the corner of Des Voeux Road and Pottinger Street, when Bakhshis Singh came up in a ricksha and stopped where Jumma Khan was standing. The two men entered into conversation, in the course of which Jumma Khan learned that Bakhshis Singh had given the revolver to the defendant and that the latter would soon arrive. Having disclosed this information, Bakhshis Singh left. Jumma Khan told the Chinese motor driver what he had discovered, and after a consultation they decided to look out for the defendant and arrest him when he turned up. Shortly after the defendant appeared and walked into a lane at the back of Watson's. He reappeared about ten minutes later and started to walk towards the Praya. The Indian and Chinese motor drivers followed him. The defendant was stopped on the Praya by the Chinese who, on searching him, found the revolver in his overcoat pocket. The defendant was arrested.

The Chinese driver was cross-examined by Mr. Armstrong as to his authority to arrest people.

The witness replied that he was previously a policeman.

Mr. Armstrong: Have you ever searched and arrested anybody else since you have been in the Fire Brigade?—Yes, once before.

Mr. Armstrong: Did Jumma Khan tell you to arrest the defendant?—No. He told me that the man had a revolver. There was no constable about, so I arrested him.

Mr. Armstrong: I put it to you that you never found the revolver in this man's pocket at all?—Yes, I did.

After further evidence the case was adjourned.

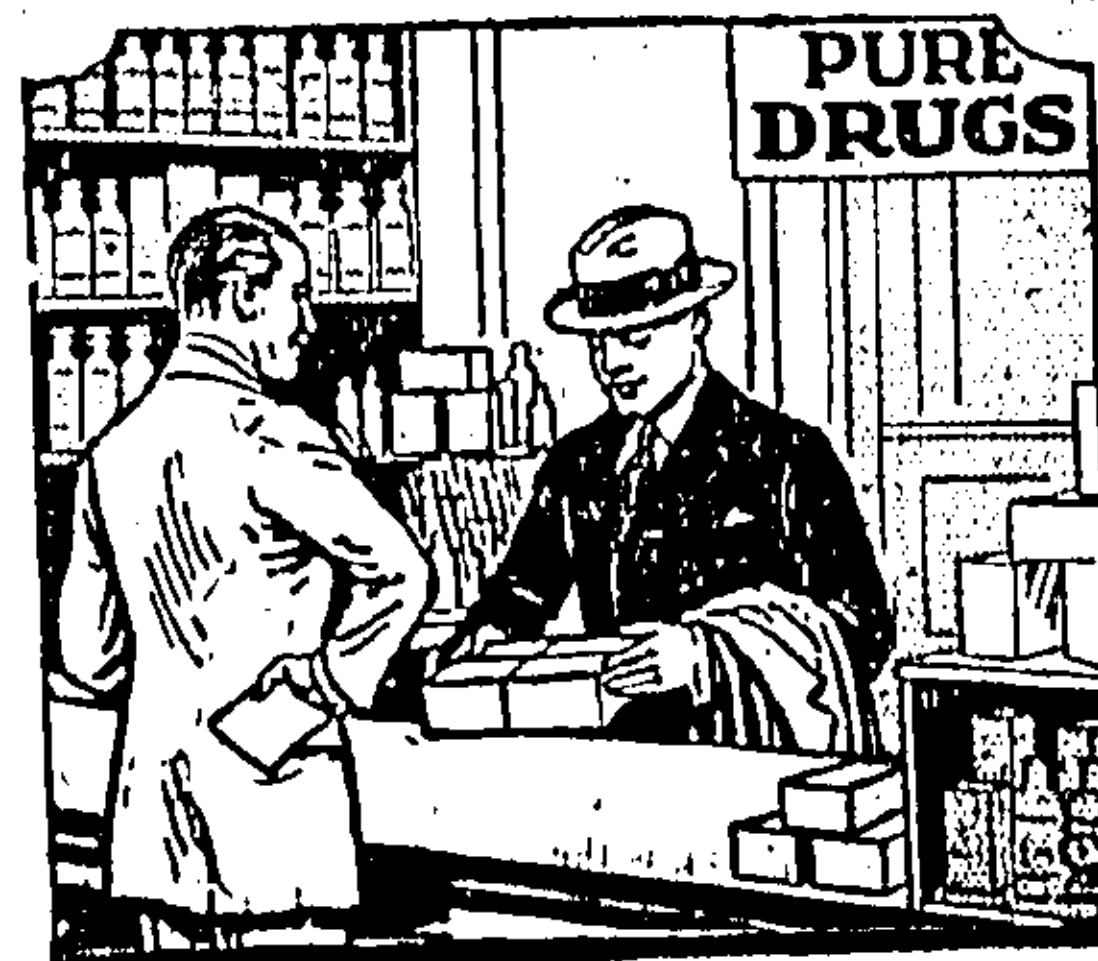
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A report is to hand from Wuchow to the effect that on the arrival at Kwanhsien of General Fan Shok-sang's Yunnanese troops from Canton, the motor launch Seisan of the Asiatic Petroleum Company was commandeered for military service. Negotiations have been conducted by the Company for the release of the boat, but so far without success. It is alleged that a deposit of \$800 paid by General Wong Shiu-lung, of Wuchow, for the purchase of petroleum, is now being held by the Company until such time as the launch has been released.

General Wong is said to have made representations to the A. P. C. that he had nothing to do with the seizure and is urgently in need of petroleum supplies. It is understood that General Li Chung-yan, a subordinate officer to General Wong, also made a contract for petroleum, but it is stated the supplies will not be sent up until the launch has been handed over.

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Hongkong, 7th April, 1925.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

IT is proposed to hold a hold a luncheon on St. GEORGE'S DAY THURSDAY, 23rd. April, which it is hoped Members and their Ladies will attend. Fuller particulars will be published later.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 18th April, 1925, or they will not be recognised.

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th April 1925, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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Hwah Ping:—Boatwain's mate: Chee Ah-kun; Quarter Masters: Han Fat-sung, Tse Tor, Lin Chang-chin. Also the Chinese firemen and the Chinese cabin boy who formed part of the boat's crew from the Hwah Ping.

ARMS SEIZURES

A BIG HAUL.

Revenue Officers have made another substantial seizure of arms from an incoming Continental steamer. Chief Preventive Officer Clarke and a search party seized about fifty weapons, believed to be Mauser or Luger pistols, and also 50,000 rounds of ammunition.

Yesterday a Chinese named Chan Yau-wing was arrested on board the s.s. Lim Chow, for being in unlawful possession of four automatics, 198 rounds of ammunition and eight pistol magazines.

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Mr. R. A. C. North, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, accompanied by Miss North, his sister and Miss McElderry.

Others are Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gloyd and Mr. P. Plage of the China Sugar Refinery on retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Lightburn of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Mr. and Mrs. Spalinger of Canton, Mrs. A. Astor, wife of the Chilean Consul in Hongkong, Mr. R. McKellar and Mr. F. J. Samways of the China Sugar Refinery on leave, Mr. J. Evans, and the Revd. Fr. C. Hunsbren.

Mr. W. Adamson, retiring from the management of Messrs. Shewan Tomes, was given a grand send off yesterday before embarking on the s.s. Antenor for home. Long strings of crackers were fired as he embarked on the tender from Blake Pier, where a large number of Hongkong friends gathered to bid him farewell and a happy retirement.

SAKHALIN EVACUATED.

JAPANESE HAND OVER TO SOVIET.

Tokyo, April 7.—The Japanese evacuated Russian Sakhalin on April 4, handing the administration over to the Soviet.—*Reuter.*

FOOTBALL.

INTERPORT MATCH.

The Portuguese of Hongkong and Shanghai will battle for interport soccer honour in Shanghai on Saturday, April 11. The Club de Recreio, Kowloon, has accepted an invitation from the Portuguese Sporting Association, Shanghai, to take up a team representing Hongkong Portuguese to play the Shanghai Portuguese. The Hongkong team is due to arrive in Shanghai on the 8th instant by the P. and O. str. Tilawa. The ladies of both communities are presenting their respective teams with a flag, and the B. B. R. C., a Shanghai Portuguese Club, has kindly presented a challenge shield for the tournament, which is to be an annual affair.

Another game of interest will be played on the 13th between the combined Portuguese teams and a team representing Shanghai.

Both games will be played at Hongkew Park, through the kind permission of the park authorities, and will commence at 3 p.m. sharp. A voluntary collection will be made at the ground, proceeds to be donated to local Portuguese charity institutions.

The teams have been chosen as follows:

Hongkong.—M. Silva, P. Xavier, W. Ogley, C. d'Assumpcao, A. Remedios (Captain), H. Remedios, D. Xavier, A. Fustes, A. Gosano, L. Rocha, A. Brown.

Reserves: S. Marcel, J. Silva, Shanghai.—E. Perpetuo, C. Passos, H. Favacho, A. Collaco, A. Costa, M. Sequeira, R. Favacho, A. Gomes, H. Collaco, L. Marcel (Captain) J. Gutierrez.

Reserves: A. Souza, C. Tavares, C. Favacho, A. Allanson. The Hongkong team are winners of the Junior League, and were defeated by the East Surreys in the semi-finals of the Cup Competition by 2-1, after a hard fought game. They are a fast team and should be able to hold their own against the equally speedy Shanghai eleven. L. Rocha and Brown are the pick of their forwards. P. Xavier, an old St. Xavier's boy, together with his partner, Ogley, are considered the strongest pair in the Junior League defence.

As to the Shanghai team, they have a very fast forward line and should prove troublesome to the strong defence of Hongkong. The Shanghai team is unfortunate to lose the services of their half, A. Sequeira, who was hurt in the International game against Scotland, and will not be able to join the team.

HOCKEY.

CLUB v. GUNNERS.

The following have been selected to represent the H. K. S. C. against the H. K. S. Bde R. A. on the Marina ground at 5.15 p.m. this evening.—P. W. F. Mills; A. P. T. Farquharson, C. L. R. Bocher, A. S. Hett, Rev. E. L. Martin, A. A. Dand, G. P. Lummet, G. B. Hett, W. Woodward (Captain), B. D. Evans and G. R. Vallack.

The same side will represent the Club against the United Services tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.15 p.m., also on the Marina ground. Should any of the above be unable to play in either game they are requested to notify Mr. P. W. F. Mills (Central 26) as early as possible.

BILLIARDS.

THE COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

E. W. Spry defeated Wong Pong-hong in the fourth round of the Billiards Championship at the Victoria Recreation Club last night by 800 to 678. Spry's highest breaks were 40, 38, 36, 31, 25, 24, 23, 22 and 20, whilst Wong's principal contributions were 27, 23, 21 and 20.

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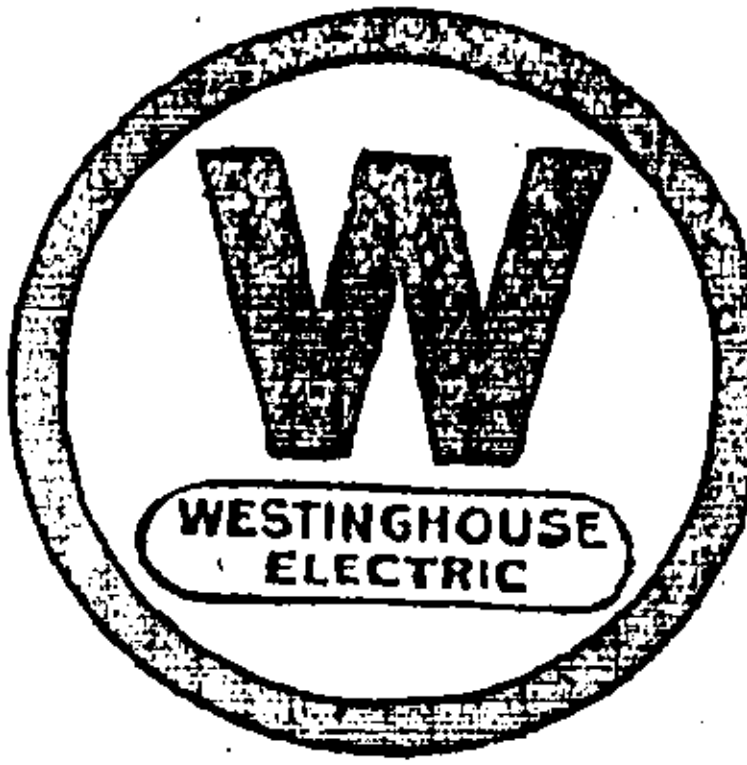
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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Asho on the 14th of April 1925, at 10 a.m.

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BIRTH.

HANCOCK.—At Woking, Surrey, England, on 6th April, the wife of H. C. R. Hancock of a son.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The wedding of Mr. D. E. Morgan and Miss E. M. Smith will take place at the Wesleyan Church on Saturday, 11th instant, at 4 p.m. No invitations are being issued, and no reception. Friends are, however, cordially invited to the Church.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 8th April, 1925.

HELPING RUSSIA.

Now that the British Trade Union delegation has returned from its tour of Soviet Russia, there has been a marked tendency on the part of Labour to assist the Russian communist cause in various ways. It is to be taken for granted, then, that organised workers in Britain have accepted the favourable verdict of their leaders as to Soviet conditions, and are willing to take the exponents of the new socialism into their councils, and help them to get recognition elsewhere. The latest instance of this is the effort to reconcile the differences between the International Federation of Trade Unions and the All-Russian Trade Union Council. The fact that there was a difference, showed that a large part of the world, even the workers, still look askance at Soviet methods, and would rather not admit the Russian representatives to a footing of equality until certain conditions are complied with. Whether we are to believe that recent reforms in Russia have done away with much that was rampantly "Red" and substituted a system more in accordance with the accepted outlook of Labour in other countries, or that the milder Communists are becoming more aggressive, there remains the evidence that Russia is coming further and further into the realms of international affairs, whilst the British Labour Party, it is interesting to observe, stands prominently forth as the chief champion of Soviet claims.

It would seem one has to hope that Britain's workers are not being led into more dangerous channels, or else that they are merely being blind to the worse faults of their new friends. The

report which the Trade Union delegation drew up after its visit to Russia was published in mail week, and has been fitly described as a remarkable failure to prove the claims, made in the preliminary announcement on their return, that the Soviet system had everything to recommend it. What really underlies the Soviet organisation, and will always influence it, is the idea of a war on everything other than their own clique, and this system they oppose they conveniently term "capitalism". Nothing further need be said on this point than to quote the utterance of M. Tomsky, an exiled yesterday, "drawing attention to the over-increasing strength of organised capitalism, under which the workers were overworked, underpaid, and prevented from realising their ideals of a better social system." This is obviously far from the truth in many countries, including Britain, where one really looks at the over-increasing strength of organised Labour; but it is perhaps impossible to expect men who went through Russia looking at everything through rose-coloured spectacles to see anything independently of their pre-formed convictions.

DAY BY DAY.

THE TEMPLE OF FAME STANDS UPON THE GRAVE; THE FLAME THAT BURNS UPON ITS ALTARS IS KINDLED FROM THE ASHES OF DEAD MEN.—Husitt.

The attention of golfers is drawn to an advertisement elsewhere relating to the closing of the Fanling new course.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. advise us that the Shanghai Exploration Company's coal output for the month of March was tons 19,780, an increase of 3,450 tons.

A Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from a bullet wound in the foot which he said was received in faction fighting at Tamsui.

Lieut. A. W. Allcock, R.A., has assumed the duties of Assistant Officer, Royal Artillery, in Hongkong, vice Captain P. W. N. Guinher, who has proceeded to the United Kingdom on leave.

The police have taken into custody a Chinese passenger on the Linchow in connection with a charge of being in possession of six automatics, eight magazines and about 200 rounds of ammunition.

The postman who was yesterday convicted on a charge of receiving and harbouring a young girl, was this morning sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The following have been taken on the strength of China Command:—Lieut. Col. E. E. B. Mackintosh, D.S.O. and Lieut. D. M. Rycroft, of the Royal Engineer; and 2nd Lieut. J. M. E. B. Coates and C. H. Turner, of the East Surreys.

The following promotions are announced:—Captain J. E. Chippendall, M.C., Royal Engineers, to be Major; Major G. F. S. Tuke, D.S.O., Royal Regiment of Artillery, to be Lieutenant Colonel; and 2nd Lieut. G. L. Dolman, Loyal Regiment, to be Lieutenant.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Blue Funnel liner Antenor yesterday were Sir Francis and Lady Aglen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay Woods, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sim, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Adamson, Mrs. F. B. Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. A. Wilkie.

A delightful programme of songs and glee was given by the Hongkong Male Voice Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. S. Collett, at the Union Church Hall last night, the splendid reputation of these capable vocalists being further enhanced as a result. All their numbers were finely sung. Mrs. Mathieson, Mr. Bowes-Smith and Mrs. Collett also contributed to the programme.

CONSTRUCTION MEETING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

support to which its enterprise may fairly lay claim. Mr. Braga then put his questions, which, together with the answers given by the Chairman, were as follows:—

Question.

1.—(a) Seeing that the shares of the Company were over-subscribed and applicants were not allotted the full number of shares, what necessity was there for the payment of an Underwriting Commission?

(b) To whom was the commission of \$9,000 paid and when?

(c) What good reason (if any) exists for the sum of \$9,000 being written off the Assets of the Company in the third year of its formation instead of after the first year?

Answer.

1.—(a) The underwriting of the shares offered for public subscription was effected, as is customary, before the issue of the prospectus and the terms were duly published in that document.

(b) The commission was paid in accordance with paragraph (c) of the prospectus to the persons referred to therein, on the 13th November, 1922.

(c) Items of this description are usually recognised as "Assets" to be written off out of the first available profits, but, in the circumstances, it was not considered that any good purpose would be served by continuing to show the amount as a separate item in the balance sheet. It is therefore included in the debit balance of the Profit and Loss Account.

Question.

2.—(a) What proportion do the deficiencies of an aggregate of \$310,000 bear to the total amount of the Government contracts, in respect of which this big loss has been incurred?

(b) Since when have such deficiencies been discovered and why were they, or a portion thereof, not allocated to the debit of previous Profit and Loss Accounts?

(c) Does the sum of \$310,000 represent the full amount of the deficiencies, or are there any further contingent liabilities attaching to the Government Contracts in question?

(d) What steps have the Directors taken, or contemplate taking, to protect the Company from suffering in future the heavy losses which, presumably, must be attributed to past inefficiency or incompetence?

Answer.

2.—(a) The deficiencies represent nearly one-third of the total estimated value of all Government contracts. The actual value of each contract can only be determined when the final measurements are taken.

(b) This question I have already dealt with to some extent but I will add that in the case of the first contract which was started in the Spring of 1923 there was a deficiency at the end of that year. Reference to the Directors' Report for the half-year ended 31st December, 1923, will show that the value of the contract in question had been written down in the books. None of the other contracts were started until the latter part of 1923 and the fact that expenditure was in excess of income during the early stages of these works was a normal state of affairs which is the experience of all contractors.

(c) The sum of \$310,000 is only an estimate. There are contingent liabilities upon all contracts until final completion.

(d) Steps have already been taken, as indicated in my previous remarks.

Question.

3.—(a) If it be not prejudicial to the Company's interest, will the Directors state the respective total amounts of Government and private contracts secured for each of the following years: 1922, 1923, 1924?

(b) What is the proportion of the overhead expenses to the value of the contracts?

Answer.

3.—(a) As the Company did not commence business until November 1922, the figures given are all applicable to the years 1923 and 1924.

(b) The proportion of the overhead expenses to works expenditure naturally depends upon the

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amount of work in hand. At present it is roughly 10 per cent.

Question.

4.—How do the amounts of contracts secured for the first three months of the current year compare with the corresponding periods of the three preceding years? And do the Directors anticipate a reasonable amount of profit from these contracts instead of the very heavy losses resulting from the tenders previously awarded the Company?

Answer.

4.—In the first three months of 1923 the contracts signed amounted to \$230,000 for private work and \$170,000 for Government work. The corresponding figure for 1924 was \$310,000 all private. During the first three months of this year the contracts signed have amounted to about \$10,000 only, but our works in progress, exclusive of Government contracts, exceed \$1,000,000.

The answer to the second part of this question is "Yes." There has been no appreciable loss on any contract except those made with the Government.

Question.

5.—Is it not a fact that Dr. J. W. Noble was absent from the Colony for the whole, or the greater part, of the period of twelve months in the year 1924? If so, what good reason exists for the inclusion of the name of Dr. J. W. Noble among the Board of Directors in the printed annual report recently circulated to shareholders?

Answer.

5.—Yes, but Dr. Noble draws no fees as a Director during absence, and still has a very large share interest in the Company.

Question.

6.—Will the Directors consider the advisability, in the general interests of shareholders, of substituting an absentee Director by a Director more useful to the Company, preferably with a technical knowledge and experience which might protect shareholders from heavy losses such as the Company has had to suffer in the past?

Answer.

6.—The Directors have already had this matter under consideration.

Mr. Braga:—I feel very grateful for the replies to my questions which were more or less exhaustive in character, and I feel they were justified if only to enlighten the public as to the real value of a Company such as ours. I have heard a great deal from people who say that this Company must go out of business, but I am not inclined to share that view. I feel that we shall get the public to turn round and recognise that a Company like ours, with directors having large interests in Hongkong, will go ahead. After reading your replies to my questions showing the ratio of public contracts to Government contracts, I feel sure that we shall get more of these contracts. We have the newspaper people here in full force and if they will favour us by the publication of the report in *extenso* we shall be able to convince that this company has come to stay. I thank you for the trouble you must have taken and for the very satisfactory answers.

The Chairman:—I can assure you that we are doing our best to make good our losses. We are glad to have the criticism and the support of a man like Mr. Braga. It is all to the good of the Company that he should come here and criticise.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

These being all the questions, the report and accounts were duly approved.

On the motion of Mr. Coulthart, seconded by Mr. Aves, the appointment of the Rev. Father Robert as a Director was confirmed, whilst Dr. J. W. Noble and Sir Paul Chater were re-elected Directors.

Mr. Braga moved, and Mr. Gain seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors, at a remuneration of \$800. This was carried.

This was all the business.

BELGIAN CHAMBER.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Brussels, April 7. The new Chamber will consist of 78 Catholics, 77 Socialists, 24 Liberals, 5 extreme Flamings, two Communists and one Independent.

The principal change in the parties, compared with the previous Chamber, consists of a Socialist gain of seven and a Liberal loss of nine.—*Reuter*.

VON HINDENBURG DECLINES.

ALOOF FROM POLITICS.

Berlin, April 7. Despite the German Nationals' desperate efforts, Von Hindenburg has declined to accept nomination to the Presidency. He declares that he does not intend at his age to enter politics, from which he has all his life held.

His recommendation that the Nationals should adopt Herr Jarros is likely to be adopted, but Herr Jarros' prospect of beating Dr. Marx on April 26th is considered remote.

It is understood that Von Hindenburg's refusal is influenced by the absence of support of the German People's Party, as to which Herr Strossemann, the Foreign Minister, who is one of the leaders, pointed out the disastrous impression such a candidacy would make in Europe.

Later the Nationals despatched Von Tirpitz to Hanover to try and induce Von Hindenburg to change his mind.—*Reuter*.

TRIAL OF CANADIAN COUNTERFEITERS.

WHOLE FAMILY INVOLVED.

Montreal, April 7. Of the five brothers charged with counterfeiting, the oldest has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment, and two others to six months. The two youngest have been released on a suspended sentence.

The father, who was also implicated, has been released on parole to attend his wife's death-bed.—*Reuter*.

A message of April 2nd, stated that the Canadian North West Mounted Police had carried out one of the biggest raids against counterfeiters on record. They arrested seven men; and seized counterfeit notes representing \$150,000 and uncompleted notes equivalent to \$500,000.

"CURIOUS STRATEGY".

UNDEFENDED DOCK.

London, April 7. In the House of Commons, Comdr. Kenworthy asked with regard to the new fortifications at Singapore.

Sir L. Worthington Evans referred to his reply of March 17th. Comdr. Kenworthy asked: Are we to understand that the extensive alterations and enlargements of the dockyard are proceeding, and the fortifications are not being commenced simultaneously?

Sir L. Worthington Evans replied: No, they are being considered.

Comdr. Kenworthy remarked that this was a curious form of strategy.—*Reuter*.

PRINCE'S TOUR.

GOLD COAST VISITED.

Freetown, April 7. H.M.S. Repulse has sailed for Takaradi on the Gold Coast.

The Prince of Wales will be the first to enter the harbour, which is not quite completed, and is to cost £2,700,000.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY.

London, April 7. No newspapers are to be published in England on April 10th.—*Reuter*.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

HOW RECENT RAINS HAVE HELPED.

The water return shows a great improvement in the supplies in storage in the Colony's reservoirs, as a result of the heavy rains during the latter part of last month.

On April 1st the water stored in the Hongkong areas amounted to 1,024 million gallons, and the consumption per head per day had fallen slightly, being 19.5 gallons in March, compared with 22.5 last year. This was probably greatly due to restriction.

But the best effect of restriction was seen in Kowloon during last month, the consumption per head per day having fallen as low as 7.2 gallons (14.5 gallons in 1924). The water in storage in Kowloon reservoirs had risen by April 1st to 182 million gallons.

HOTEL COMPANY MEETING.

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to construct extensive foundations on reclaimed land.

The contract for the construction of the framework of the Peninsula Hotel was placed with Messrs. Trollope & Colls (Far East), Ltd., in whose hands the work is proceeding very satisfactorily and rapid progress is being made. Our architects, the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, also have the other matters essential to such an undertaking well in hand, and your Board have every reason to hope that the establishment will be completed and ready for occupation by the end of the third quarter of 1926. At this juncture it may not be inappropriate for me to point out that in the construction of large establishments of the type of the Peninsula Hotel, the Company is necessarily called upon to effect payments against contractors' certificates involving heavy sums for which there cannot be any return until the buildings are actually open to the public.

Upon completion of the Peninsula Hotel at Kowloon, we shall be better able to give practical consideration to the reconstruction of the northern block of the Hongkong Hotel, as referred to in my remarks from this chair a year ago. In order to safeguard the position in view of this contemplated reconstruction of the northern block, which is now approaching an age of forty years, your Board availed themselves of the opportunity of purchasing on the 30th June last at a reasonable figure (subject to a mortgage of \$556,406.25) the buildings known as 16 to 16D Des Voeux Road Central, adjoining the Hotel. Part of the purchase consideration was 10,000 shares of this Company issued as fully paid-up, as mentioned in my remarks with reference to our issued capital. By the acquisition of this additional property, it will be possible to reconstruct the northern portion of the Hongkong Hotel in sections, and thus obviate disruption of our catering business that would be consequent upon complete closing down. Such a consideration is naturally a very important factor, especially when it is borne in mind that our business in respect of the service of meals is increasing yearly and that with the opening of the Peninsula Hotel it is inevitable that a greater number of mid-day meals will require to be served in our centrally located establishment.

Whilst on the subject of construction, I would point out that we are adding a new wing, comprising sixty rooms, to the Repulse Bay Hotel in order to cope with the increasing demand for residential accommodation in that establishment, and it is expected that these rooms will be available for occupation in the last quarter of the current year.

The business conducted by our Garage Department has shown steady progress, notwithstanding the fact that owing to the hitherto limited accommodation at our disposal for garage purposes and for the general repair and upkeep of cars we have been compelled to turn away business which otherwise would have increased the turnover in this branch of our activities. I am pleased to be able to report, however, that the new garage under construction at Happy Valley, which will be capable of housing 150 cars and will provide for up-to-date body-building, repair and paint shops, will be available at the end of the current month, thus placing our Company in a position to render service to the motoring public on a scale hitherto unattained in Hongkong, although urgently called for by reason of the rapid increase in the number of cars now licensed for use in the Colony.

CANTON.

I must not omit to make mention of the position regarding the proposed Canton Hotel on the Shameen. In this case I am unable to report progress in construction, for, owing to the many difficulties, generally arising out of the disturbed state of Canton—troubled as it has been with strife between rival military and political parties—your Board have not considered it prudent at this juncture to push ahead with this construction. When the situation clears, as we all sincerely trust it soon will, and normal conditions of business and travel return,

then we shall be ready to proceed with more hope of success to our enterprise than would at the moment appear probable. In this connection it is somewhat reassuring to note that after the lapse of nearly two years, the train service to Canton has now been resumed and that it may shortly be possible for the authorities to offer the railway facilities the public previously enjoyed.

PEKING.

In July and August last year we completed arrangements for the close co-operation of this Company with the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., and, as a result of meetings held in Peking for that purpose, special resolutions were passed and duly confirmed by that Company for the transfer of its registered office to Hongkong. In view of the advisability of conserving its cash resources, the dividend declared during the year was less than that declared for 1923—otherwise, of course, the sum shown in our Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on the 31st December 1924 under the heading of "Dividends on Investments," would have been proportionately greater. You will notice, by the way, that during the past year we considerably increased the Company's holding of shares in the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., by taking advantage of opportunities that presented themselves for securing at reasonable prices a stronger interest in that Company, the cost of our holding at the 31st December 1924 being \$433,322.85 as against \$267,517.66 at the end of 1923.

THE GENERAL SITUATION.

There is, I think, nothing else to which I can usefully draw particular attention. I must, however, mention that the past year has been one of exceptional difficulties and many disappointments. At the general meeting held last year, I made reference to the detrimental effect of the Linchong affair, and the terrible earthquake in Japan, upon our "transient" business. The apprehensions then engendered were not allayed in 1924 and the balance to the credit of Working Account for 1924 is, in round figures, two lakhs less than the balance for the preceding year, being \$1,381,937.37 for 1924 as against \$1,582,813.54 for 1923. This decrease is attributable chiefly to the fact that business (and more particularly to our trade to North China) was subjected during the year under review to many interruptions and uncertainties: firstly by the floods which seriously hindered railway communication between Shanghai and North China, and then by the inter-republican strife which resulted for a time in the disorganisation of railway traffic. But apart from the detrimental effect upon our business generally, it was more particularly in connection with independent travel that the consequences of hostilities in China reflected upon our earnings, for it is, as you know, to that source that we look for our more profitable support. The reports—often exaggerated and inaccurate—that circulated through Europe and America, naturally had the effect of considerably curtailing travel to the Far East in the Autumn of last year and the Spring of this, and also produced far-reaching and detrimental effects in other directions. Needless to say, we, in common with the steamship companies operating on the Pacific route, do what we can to allay the apprehensions aroused by reports of this nature, and I feel confident that when traders and the travelling public abroad realise the comparative immunity from danger to life and property that obtains in the cities of importance in China, we may reasonably anticipate that there will be a return to the steady travel of pre-war days, and thereby a large increase in the volume of business passing to the benefit of this Company and all concerns interested in the prosperity of commercial operations in China. Nevertheless, in spite of the adverse conditions affecting all businesses in 1924, our Profit & Loss Account was able to show a profit for the year of nearly eight lakhs, and I think it will be conceded without question that this result in such circumstances bears striking testimony to the stability of our Company's position and the soundness of its business. I must ask you to bear with me, however, if I point out that such a result as that for the past year was obtained only by the most careful handling of the various departments of our business and by the consideration of ways and means to effect

economical working and the exploration of likely avenues of profitable development.

THE STAFF.

In this connection I cannot speak too highly of the services of the staff, both foreign and Chinese, many of whom perform their duties in positions that call for long hours and hard work but are sometimes liable to be overlooked so long as the routine of the hotel business pursues the even tenor of its way.

To the executive personnel I would take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Board, and of myself as your Managing Director in particular, for the growing share of the work and responsibility which they have undertaken in the conduct of the multitudinous affairs of the Company. I should inform you that Mr. P. H. Suckling, who was until recently the Secretary of the Company, has now been appointed Manager of our business in Shanghai, and that Mr. J. Bartholomew has recently joined our service to carry out the duties of Secretary, which appointments will thus in time relieve your Assistant General Manager and myself of much of the mass of minutiae involved in the conduct of the Company's affairs for, with the growth of the concern involving as it does assets approximating 20,000,000 of dollars mainly in widely distributed properties, it becomes increasingly necessary for us to devote particular attention to questions of policy, finance and the development of the earning powers of your undertaking.

As mentioned in the report attached to the printed accounts, the usual bonus of one month's wages was paid to our Chinese staffs at Chinese New Year, and I feel sure that you will not only be pleased to confirm this but also the vote of ten per cent. on their salaries to the foreign staff as a bonus in respect of the past year.

Before concluding my remarks, I wish to avail myself of this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Board—and, I feel sure I may say, of the shareholders—to the gentlemen who constitute our Advisory Committee in Shanghai. During the past year Mr. P. W. Massey joined the Committee in Shanghai, and Mr. G. F. Wright and Mr. F. N. Matthews, for business reasons, resigned their seats. Our thanks are also due to the two latter gentlemen for their interest in the welfare of the Company, particularly so in view of the fact that this Company's amalgamation with the Shanghai Company necessitated a great deal of work in the early part of the year. Mr. Matthews is, unfortunately, suffering at present from ill-health, and we sincerely wish him a speedy recovery.

I now beg formally to propose that the report and accounts be adopted and passed, that a dividend of sixty cents per share on the 756,972 shares forming the issued capital of this Company be declared as final dividend in respect of the financial year ended on the 31st December 1924, and that the balance of \$119,282.12 be carried forward to the credit of 1925 account. When that proposal has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions arising on the report and accounts, and to furnish any explanations with reference thereto that may be desired.

THE MANAGING DIRECTORSHIP.

Mr. Joseph Gould, seconding, said:—Our Chairman might have dispensed with the concluding part of his speech about answering questions or furnishing explanations, as the statement placed before us is so full and precise and gives us information on such a generous scale that even the most carping critic among us cannot surely desire to seek further information. There are, however, some outstanding features in the speech to which I should like to direct your special attention. We have been told, for instance, the welcome news that we are now the actual owners of the Palace Hotel in Shanghai, and not mere leaseholders. We have also been told that the majestic far from being reported to have had to turn away customers. Then we have heard that the equally welcome news that the Peninsula Hotel will at no distant date open its doors for business. Finally, we have the gratifying information that when the time arrives for the northern block to be reconstructed, provision has been made for the Catering Department (which, as the Chairman has just told us, forms an important part of our business) to be carried on without curtailment.

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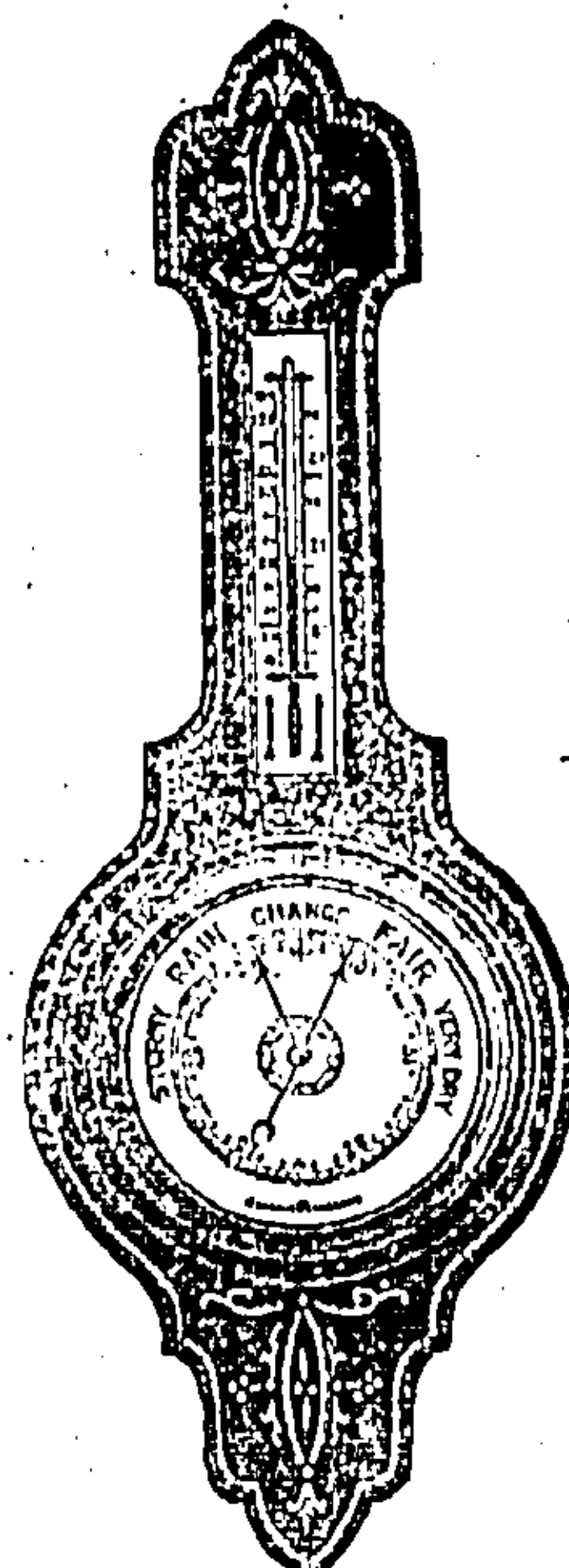
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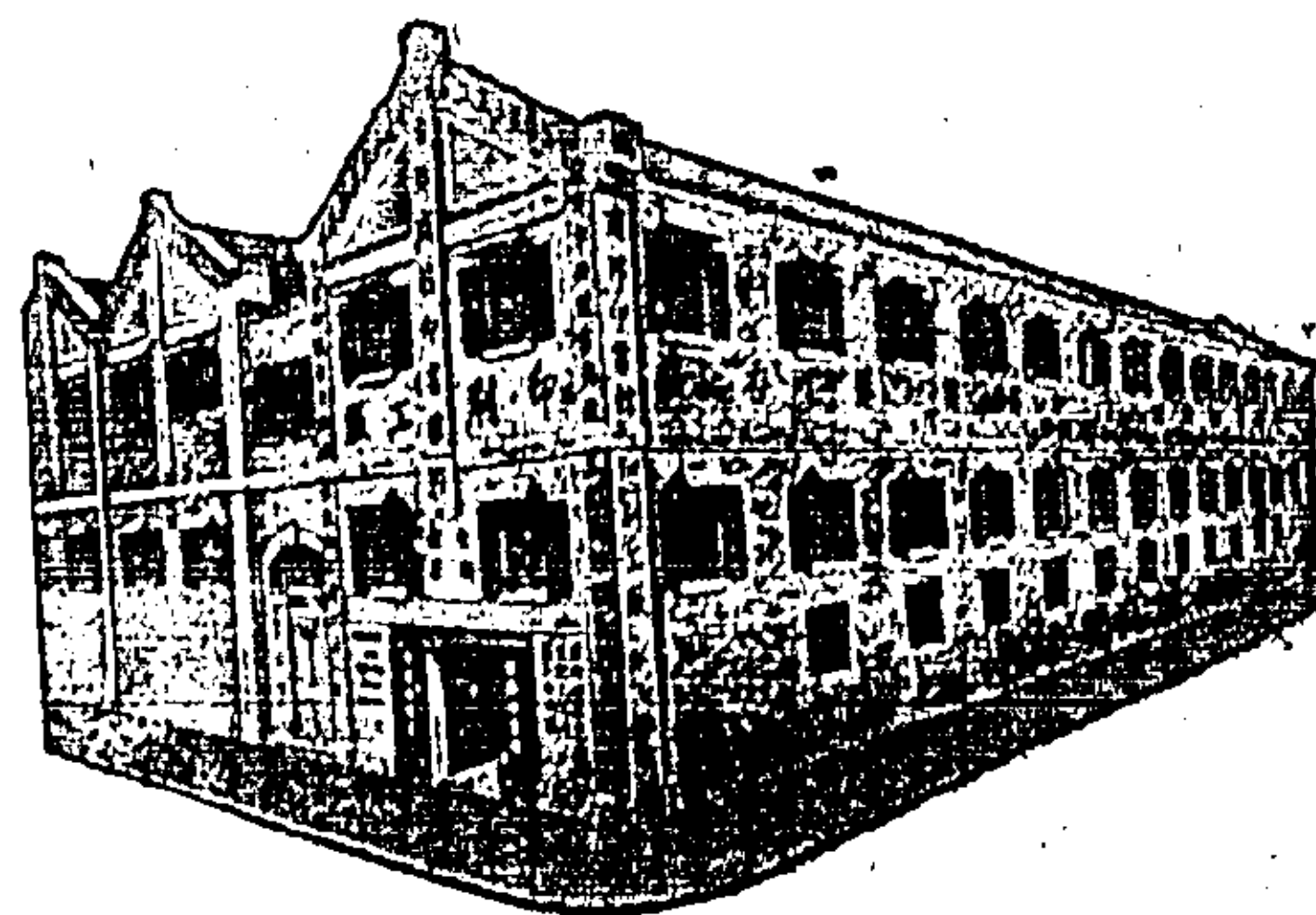


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The Chairman:—You have placed me in an exceedingly delicate position by your remarks in reference to myself. However, I wish to thank you for the kindly spirit in which they were made, and, in answer to your question regarding a change in the Managing Directorship, I can only say that it is exceedingly remote, neither has there been any such matter under consideration. I must say in this connection that it would reflect very poorly on your Board—bearing in mind the magnitude of our undertakings—if they had not made ample provisions for continuity, and as Managing Director I hasten to assure you that were I to sever my connection with the Company you have a younger generation coming along ready to carry on the organisation and management of this Company on similar, if not better lines than before.

The Chairman then put the proposition to the meeting and it was unanimously carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Mr. J. T. Bagram proposed and Mr. L. Tobias seconded that the appointment of Mr. C. Montague

"BACK AGAIN."

BIG LEE WHITE SUCCESS.

There was no mistake about the success achieved by the Lee White Company in their production of "Back Again" at the Theatre Royal last evening. A review which proved one of Lee White's biggest hits in London, "Back Again" has lost nothing in its revival, and a full house showed their appreciation in no uncertain manner.

A Greek scene, with Gus McNaughton in the leading role and Lee White as his wife, was the principal number, and, following a well-executed Greek dance by the Peaches, McNaughton kept the audience in roars of laughter with his efforts to look dignified in his flowing garments which refused to stay up. He has proved over and over again what a born comedian he really is, but with his droll wit and stage voice he excelled himself last evening.

Fabio Beustead gave a delightful rendering of Rivalta Rose in an equally delightful stage setting, and Billie Lockwood scored a big success with an impersonation of Wee MacGregor.

Ernest Sefton, too, played a prominent part in the success of the show. He had more to do and he did it in his inimitable way. The "drama" which took place in the auditorium, with Ernest Sefton in the part of the late-comer, looking for seats with his best girl (Billie Lockwood), was one of the brightest numbers and the audience were reduced to tears of laughter by his funniness.

Lee White was again well to the fore and his songs "Never let the same bee sting you twice" and "Liza Jane" were vociferously encouraged.

The Peaches were called upon to repeat a clever dance in the school scene, and throughout the whole show their dancing was of a high standard.

This evening "Bran Pie" will be prepared for assimilation.

Edo be confirmed and that Mr. E. M. Raymond be re-elected to the Directorate. This was carried.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Thomson and Co., of Shanghai, were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year, at the same remuneration as before, on the proposition of Mr. F. Ellis, seconded by Mr. R. L. Bridger.

The Chairman:—This is all the business of the meeting gentlemen and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready and can be had upon application.

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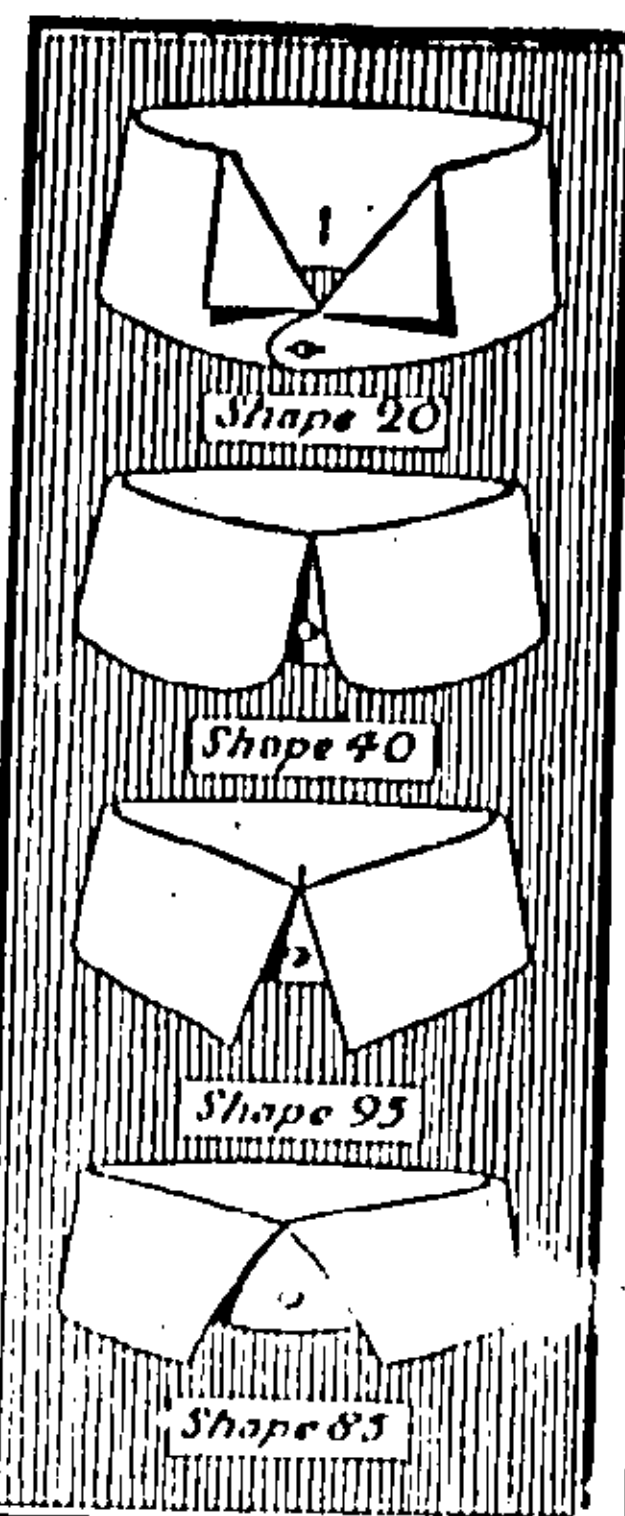
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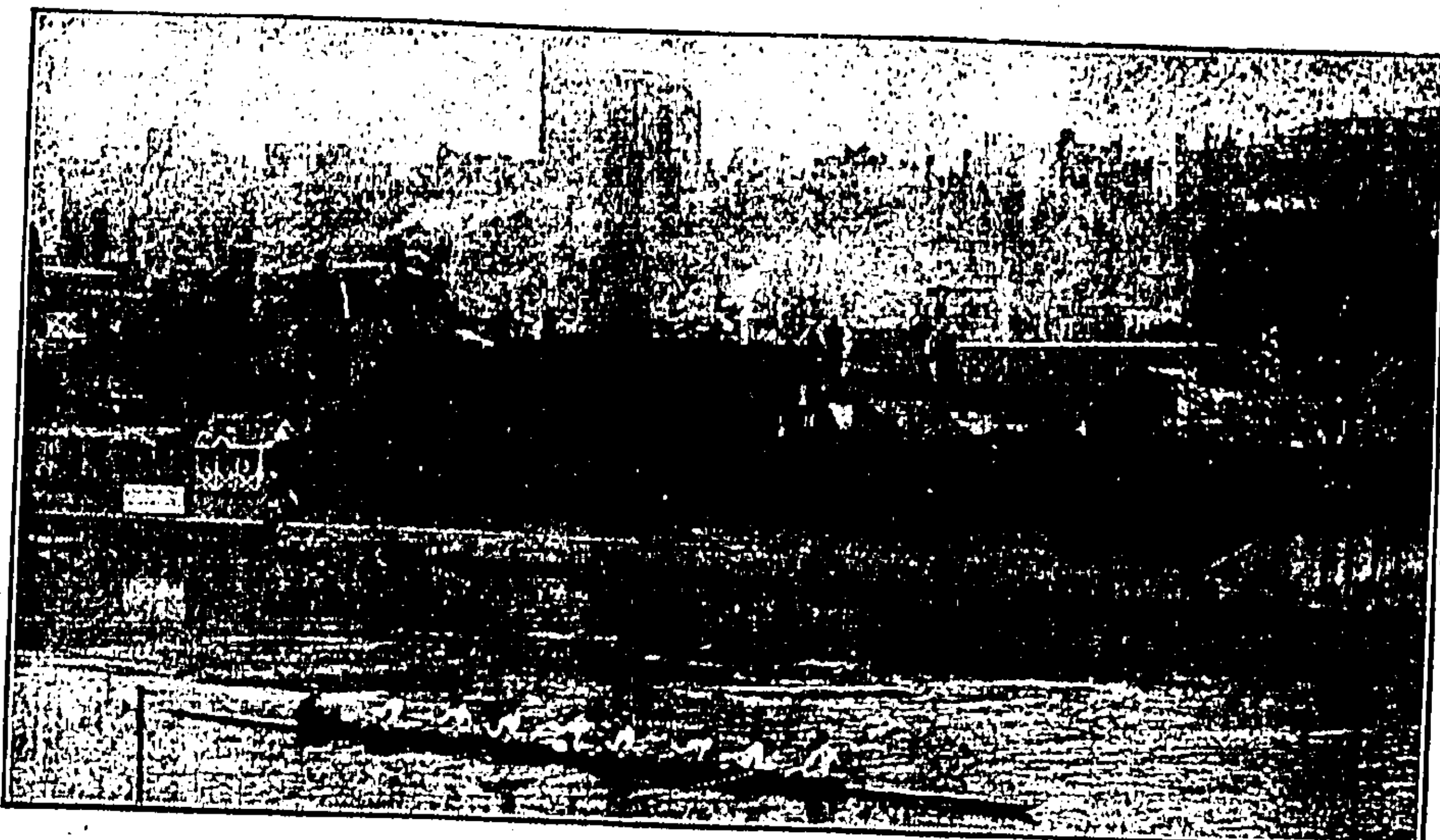
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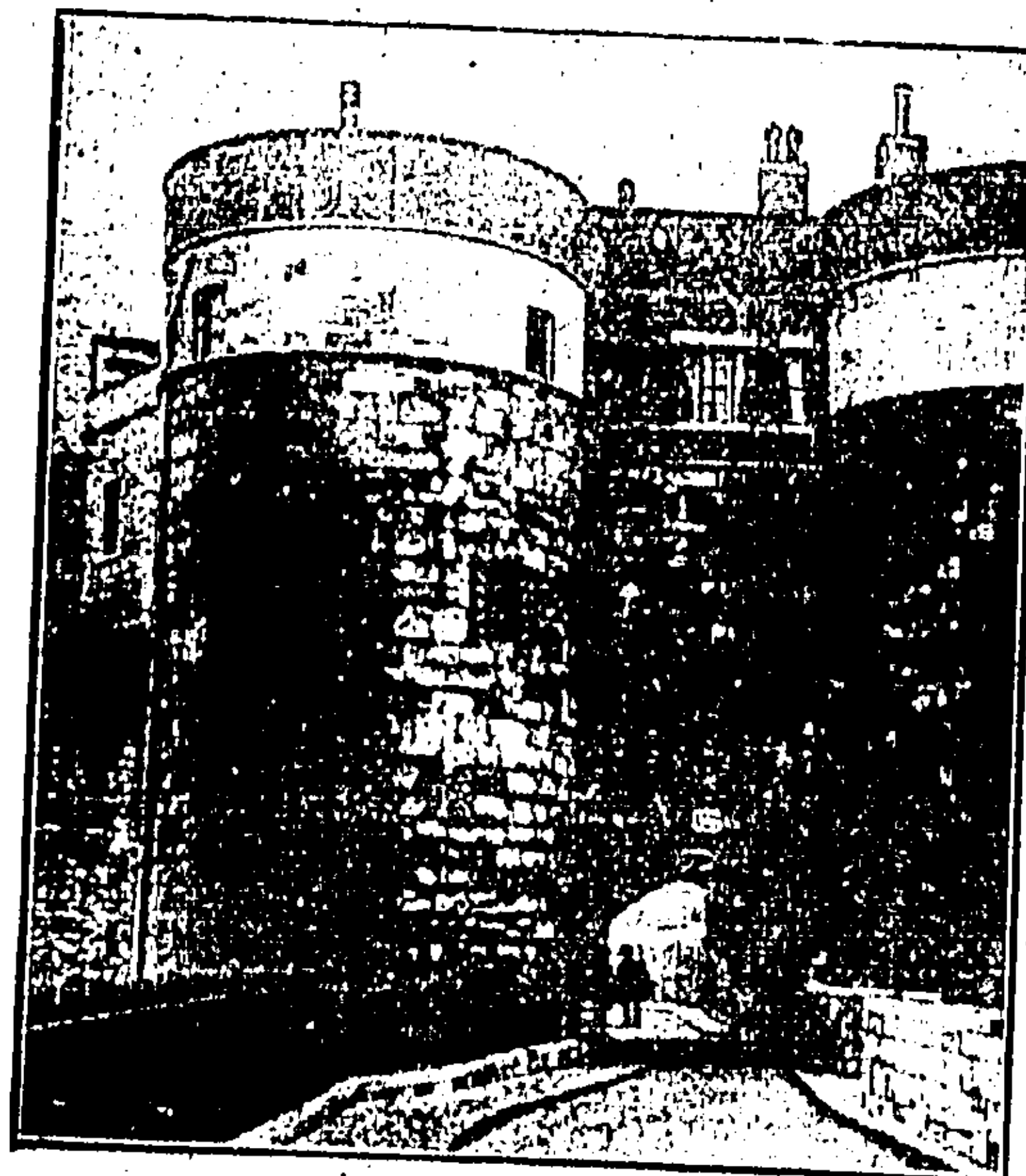


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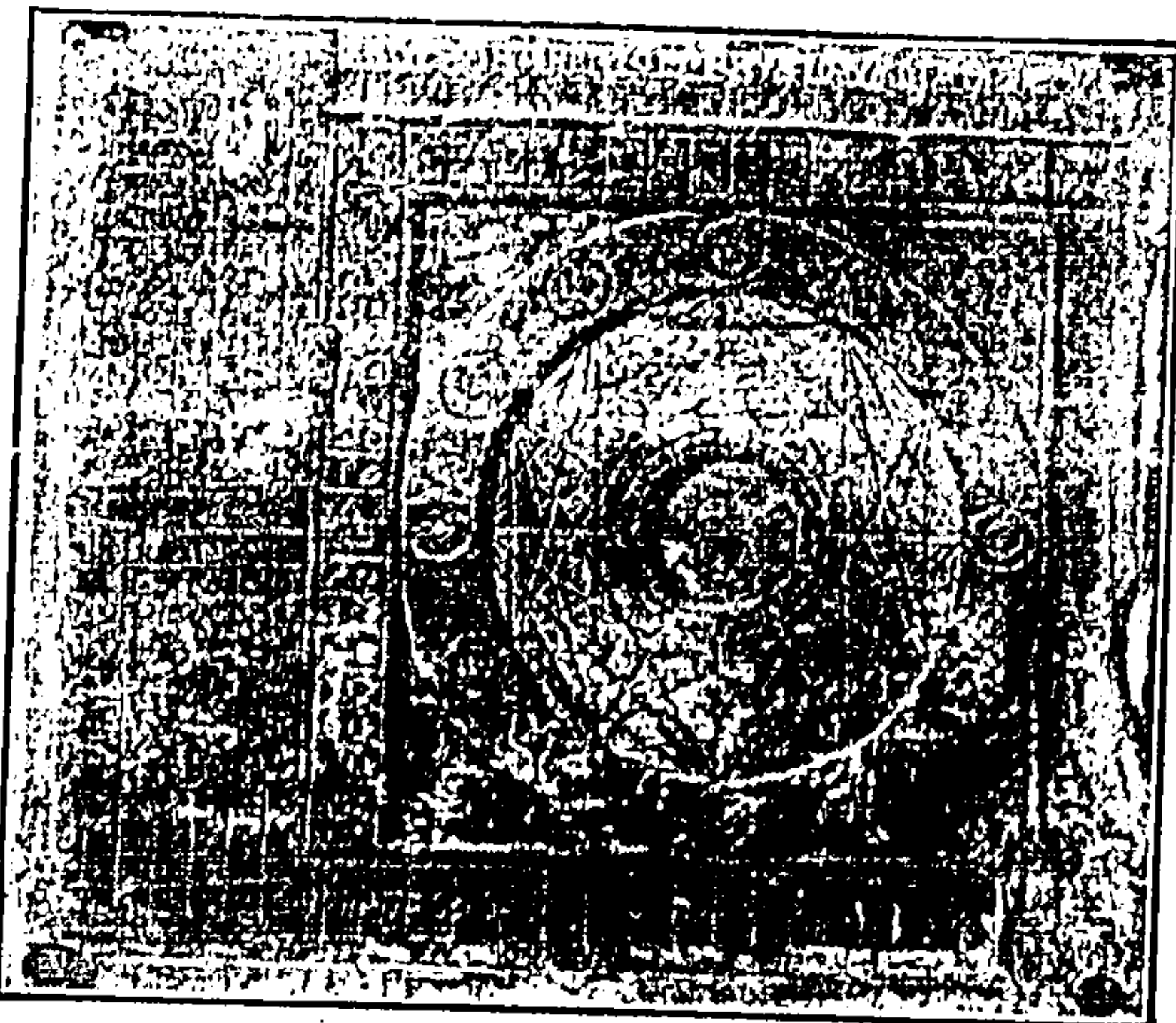
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TOWER OF LONDON.—Four more towers of the Tower of London are to be opened to the public—the Byward, Salt, Martin, and Broad Arrow. Thus eight of the twenty towers of London's ancient fortress will be available for inspection. Our picture shows the Byward Tower. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



STRANGE SIGN.—Prisoners' inscriptions scratched on the walls of the Salt Tower. Our photograph shows an elaborate device representing a sphere of lines radiating from the signs of the Zodiac with the inscription "How Draper of Bristol made this Sphere the 30th day of March Anno 1561". He was imprisoned on a charge of sorcery and magic. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



NEW AMBASSADOR.—Signor De Martino, newly-appointed Italian ambassador to Washington.



A JESUIT PRISONER.—Another inscription in the Salt Tower, carved by Henry Walpole, a Jesuit priest, who was alleged to be concerned in a plot to rub poison on the pommel of Queen Elizabeth's saddle. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



ROUEN WAR MEMORIAL.—The Archbishop of Rouen, who delivered an address before the memorial tablet to the British soldiers was unveiled in Rouen Cathedral, photographed with General Sir Nevil Macready outside the Cathedral after the ceremony. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



ON THE BEACH.—Mrs. Edward Hillman, Jr., famous runaway bride of young Chicagoan, is finding a refuge on the sand at Palm Beach.



STATUE OF "ZOSER" FOUND.—This statue which was found inside the "Serdab" by Mr. Cecil Firth, of the Egyptian Department of Antiquities, who is conducting the Sakkara excavations, is unique among Egyptian sculptures and dated from B.C. 2900 and will shortly be on show at the Cairo Museum. ("The Times" copyright photograph).

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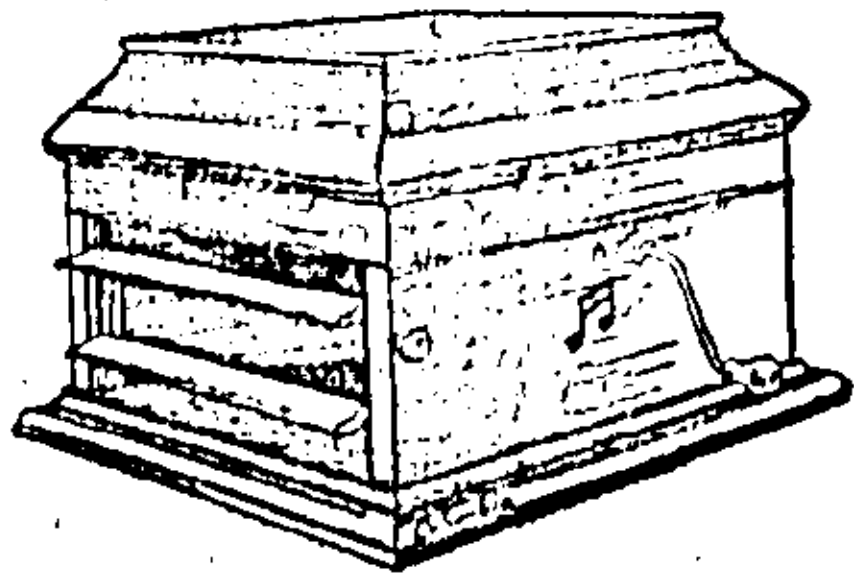
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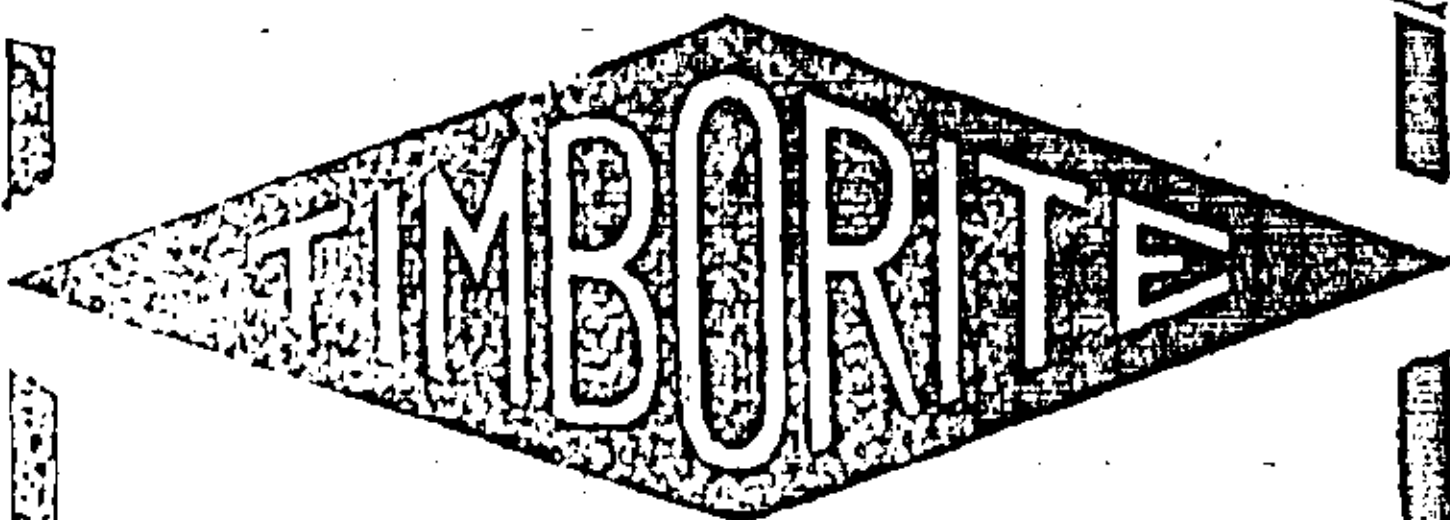


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Mr Justice Astbury, in the Chancery Division recently ordered that a motion for an injunction against the Postmaster-General to restrain him from handing over £350,000 to the British Broadcasting Company, Ltd., should stand over.

The applicant, Mr. Robert Moffat Ford, of East Lodge, Park Row, Albertgate, was given leave to serve the motion with the writ on the Postmaster-General, but Mr. Justice Astbury informed him that "it is not much use unless you join the British Broadcasting Company if they have a contract with the Postmaster-General."

"I do not see what interest you have in this matter," added the judge, addressing Mr. Ford.

Mr. Ford: As a taxpayer I am concerned in this large sum of public money which is in jeopardy.

Mr. Justice Astbury: We are all taxpayers and we might all be plaintiffs.

Mr. Ford: True, but no one else happens to have thought of it.

Mr. Ford, who has invited the Postmaster-General to prosecute him for possessing an unlicensed crystal set, when he opened his application, read an affidavit in which he stated that the Postmaster-General purported by virtue of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1904, to have power to demand 10s. each for licences from persons having wireless telegraphy apparatus for receiving or transmitting messages, and he threatened to take criminal proceedings against persons not paying for licences.

"He stated in the House of Commons on February 19, 1925," added the affidavit, "that the number of annual wireless licences issued from November 1922, to the end of January 1925, was 1,942,000, and the revenue £1,108,000, of which £350,000 was payable to the British Broadcasting Company."

"The company received £500,000 up to February 1, 1925, leaving a balance of £350,000. The act of 1904 specifically exempts from licences persons who have receiving apparatus as distinct from transmitting apparatus, and the licences for the latter amount to only £500."

"As a result of the introduction in Parliament of the new Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill, which is to be retrospective in its effect, there has been a great increase in the payment of licences."

"The Postmaster-General has no right to collect the licence dues from persons having receiving apparatus, and, having wrongfully collected those licence dues, he should be restrained from paying over the money to the British Broadcasting Company until the trial of the action."

Mr. Justice Astbury pointed out that Mr. Ford had sworn his affidavit and issued his writ only that day.

"The Postmaster-General is entitled to be heard," said the judge, "and I will not grant an injunction against him in his absence or in the absence of the British Broadcasting Company."

JESSELTON RECORD.

America and Australia.

A record for reception at Jesselton was made when a conversation between "U.S.A. 2 BK." and "Au 6 AWT" was intercepted on the evening of February 4th from 8.7 p.m. to 8.28 p.m. using a 2 valve special short wave set.

The former station is that of an amateur situated near New York U.S.A. and the other in Australia, believed to be near Sydney. The former is at least 7,000-8,000 miles and the latter about 3,000 miles.

Other Australian and New Zealand amateurs have been heard, using a wavelength of 80-100 metres.

EXPORT OF MONKEYS.

About 50 on Hansa Liner.

The Hansa liner Ockenfels, which arrived in Colombo recently from Calcutta and is on her way to Hamburg has about 50 monkeys on board. The animals are from Calcutta and are being taken to Germany for the purpose of experiments in connection with thyroid gland.

It will be remembered that in the House of Commons recently Mr. Lansbury drew attention to the number of monkeys which are exported to Germany and England from India for the purpose of experiments in connection with thyroid gland, and asked what action Earl Winterton proposed to take to stop the traffic. Earl Winterton, in reply, said that Lord Birkenhead had seen certain newspaper reports on the subject and had asked for reports from the Government of India and the Customs authorities in London.

TO CURE TUBERCULOSIS.

A new metal salt for the treatment of tuberculosis has been invented by the Danish scientist, Dr. L. E. Walbum, of the Danish

A TIME SAVER.



Above is a graphic representation of the system by which representatives of two or more nations may understand any speaker at one time, as was done at a recent radio conference in America. Interpretation by radio does not require the use of a microphone. A shows the amplifier; B, auditory apparatus; C, window; D, microphone; E, English to Spanish interpreter; F, line to Spanish speaking delegates; G, Mexican representatives; H, Spanish to English interpreter; I, line to English-speaking delegates; J, American delegates.

The "Beam" station in England can be heard at practically any time, either day or night, on about 90 metres.

Mr. Saravia, at Macao, has also listened-in to these U.S. and Australian stations.

WIRELESS FOR MOTOR-CYCLES.

A Californian motor-cycle concern reports that it has recently equipped a number of motor-cycle and side-car outfits with radio receiving sets. It is stated that it has become quite a fad among Californian riders to have a wireless installation, which enables both passenger and rider to hear music and news, etc., while travelling, or whilst enjoying a rest in the country.

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Norfolk magistrate. You will go to prison for fourteen days. Man: Can I take my crystal set with me?

WIRELESS WEDDING.



Thousands of radio "fans" attended a wedding of one of Montreal's elite, through broadcasting station WHN at New York. It happened when Mrs. Laura Portway, wealthy Montreal society woman, was married to William J. Stuart, radio welfare worker. Rev. William Darlington of the Church of Heavenly Rest is shown uniting the pair before the microphone.

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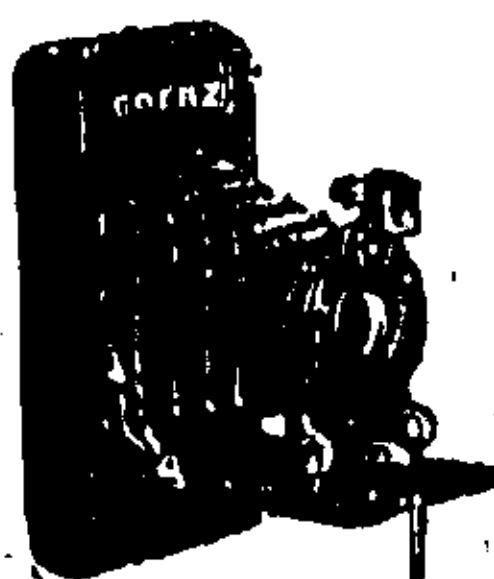
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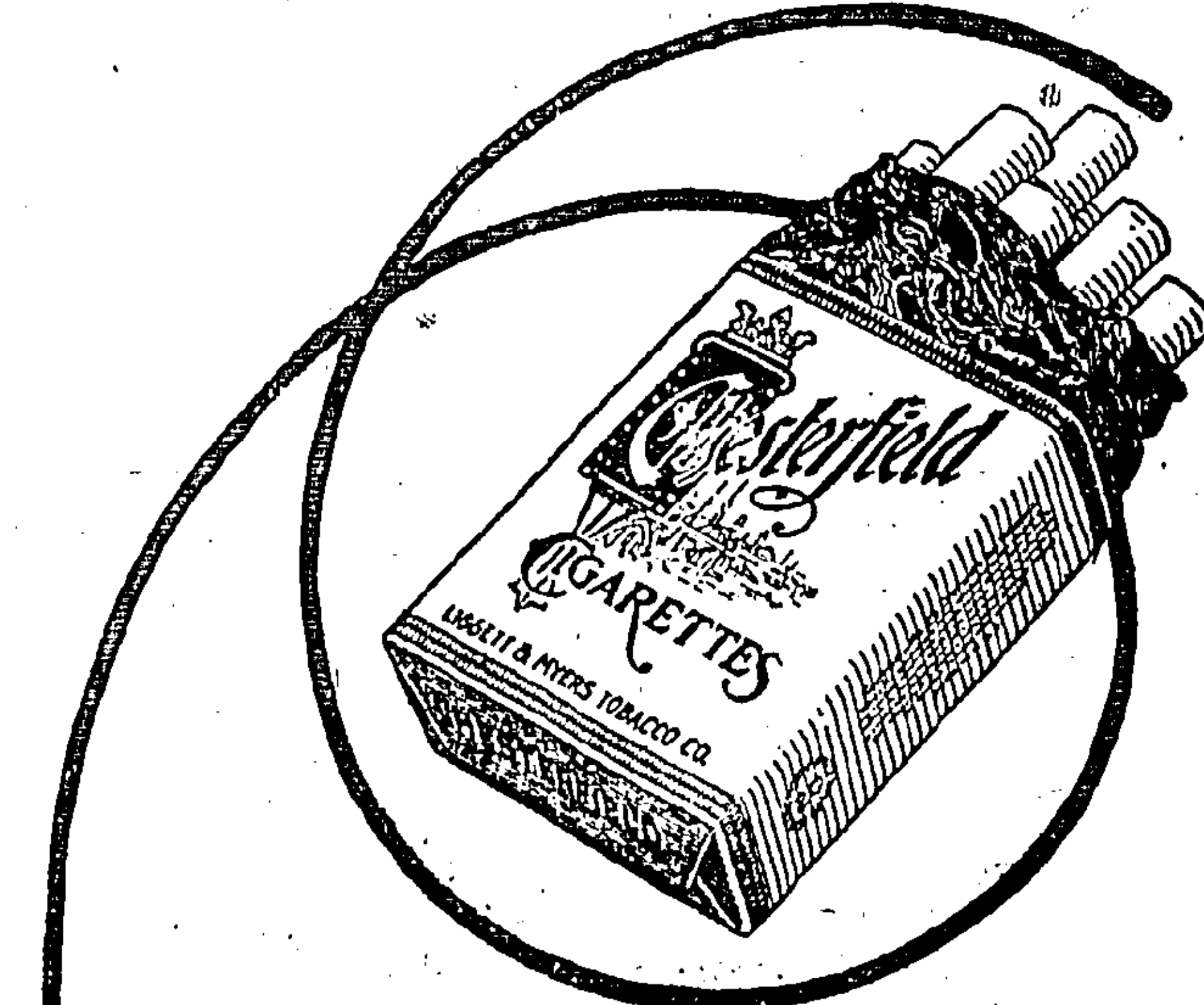


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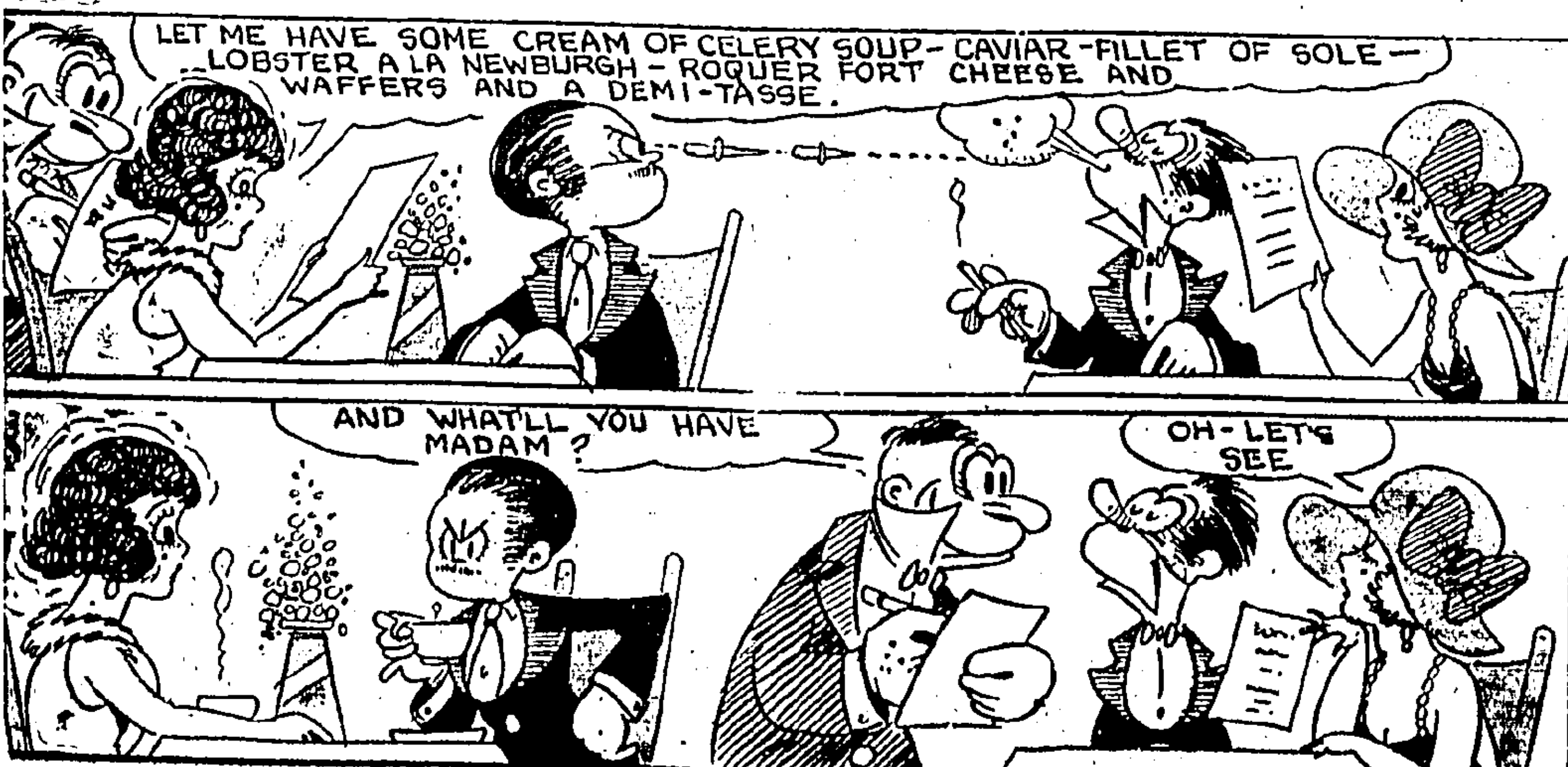
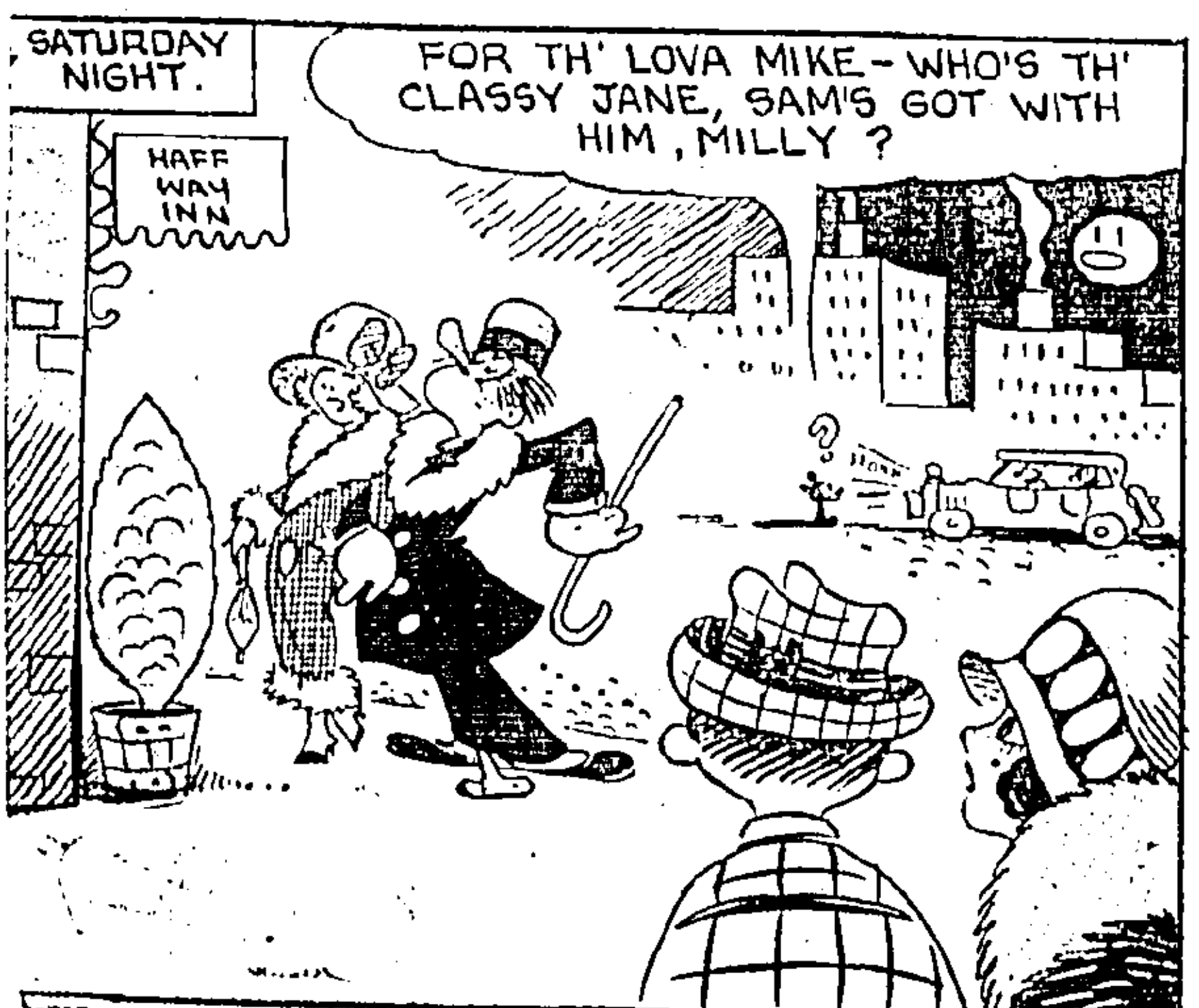
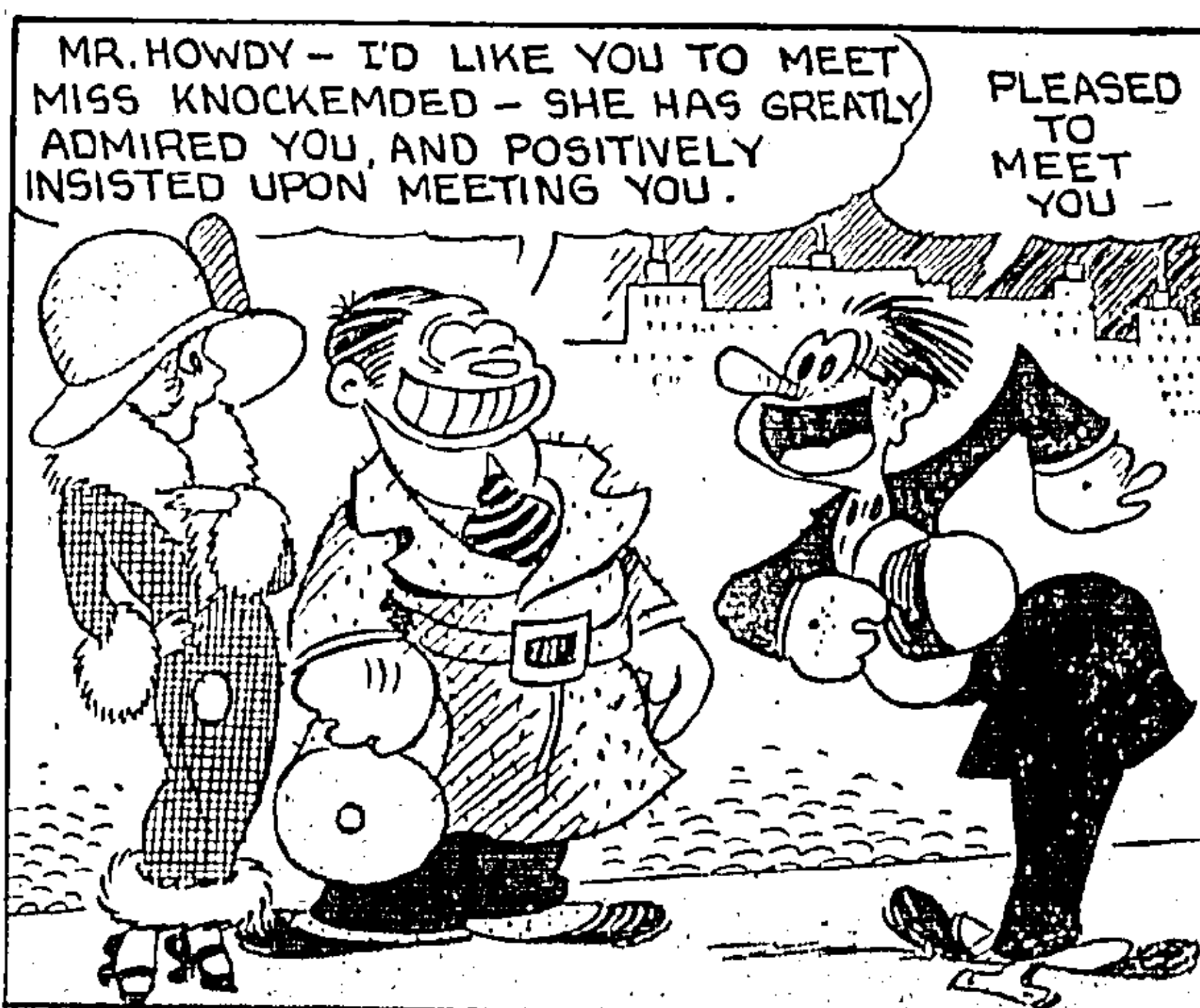
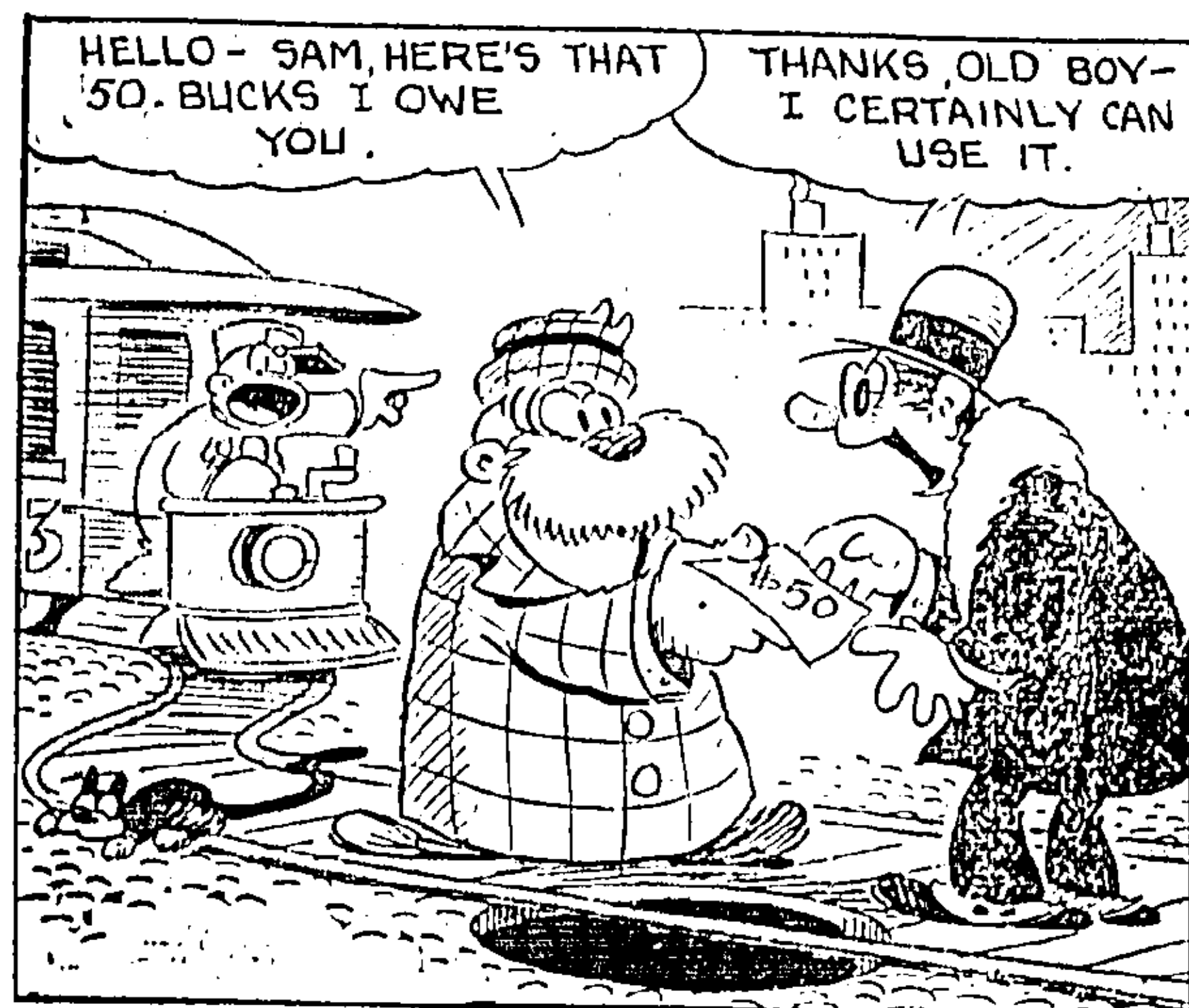
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London, April 7.

The House of Commons has unanimously passed a resolution, moved by Mr. Winston Churchill, suspending the German Reparation Recovery Act of 1921, imposing a 26 per cent. levy on German imports to England, and substituting an alternative method not involving payments by individual merchants, without prejudicing the rights of the British Government in respect of the Act.

Mr. Churchill said the Act had produced over twenty-five millions sterling for the British Treasury. The new arrangement was due to Germany's desire for a method more acceptable to her, and the fact that the levy, owing to the revival of Anglo-German trade, had latterly been producing more than the British share of reparations. The Government was satisfied that the German Government would co-operate loyally in the new system, which would produce the same results as the levy with far less friction or disturbance of international trade. The arrangement was a small step towards European appeasement and restoration.

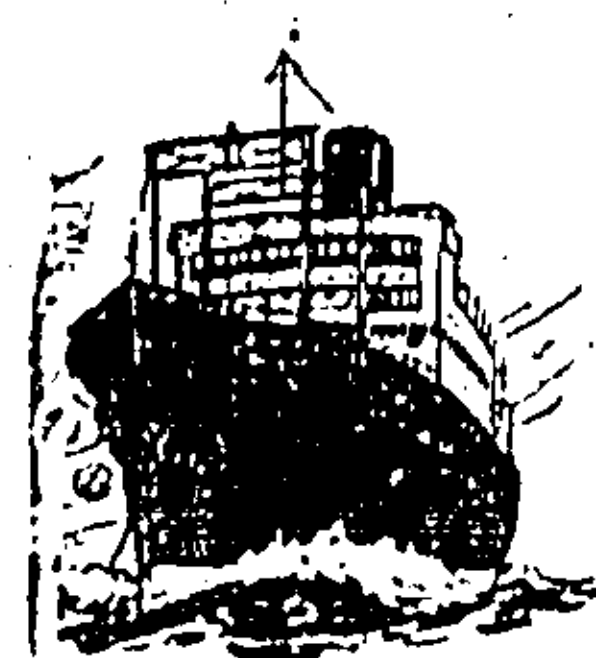
The Labourite, Mr. William Graham, and Mr. Lloyd George, approved of the new arrangement. The sole dissident was Sir Frederick Wise, who asked whether the Dominions had been consulted with regard to the suspension of the levy.

The House of Lords carried without discussion a resolution similar to Mr. Churchill's.—*Reuter.*

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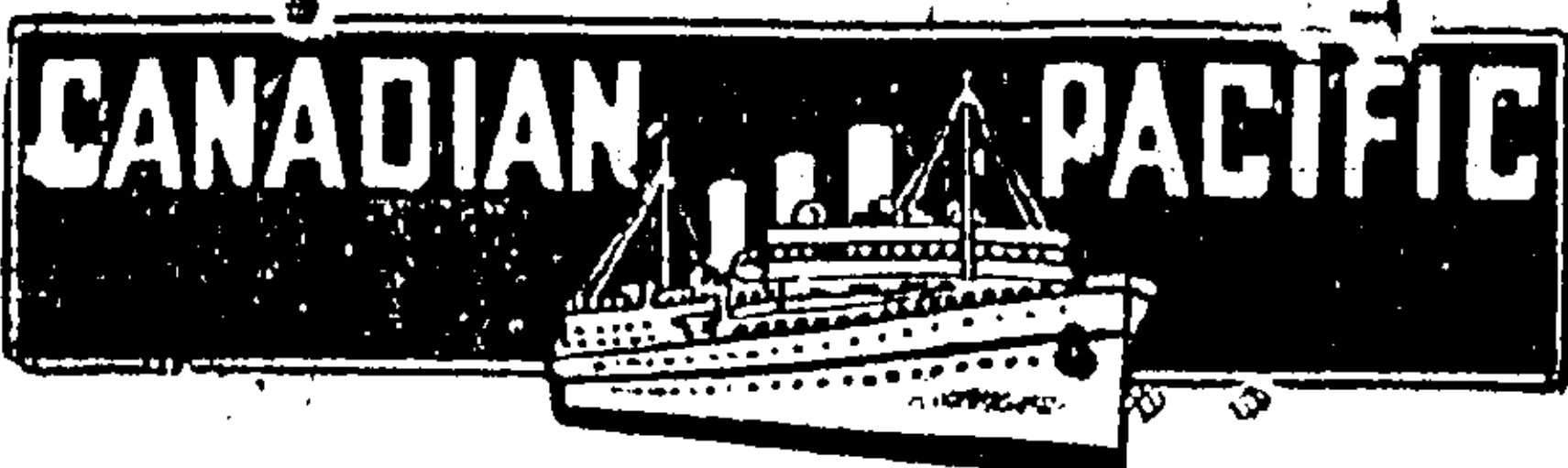
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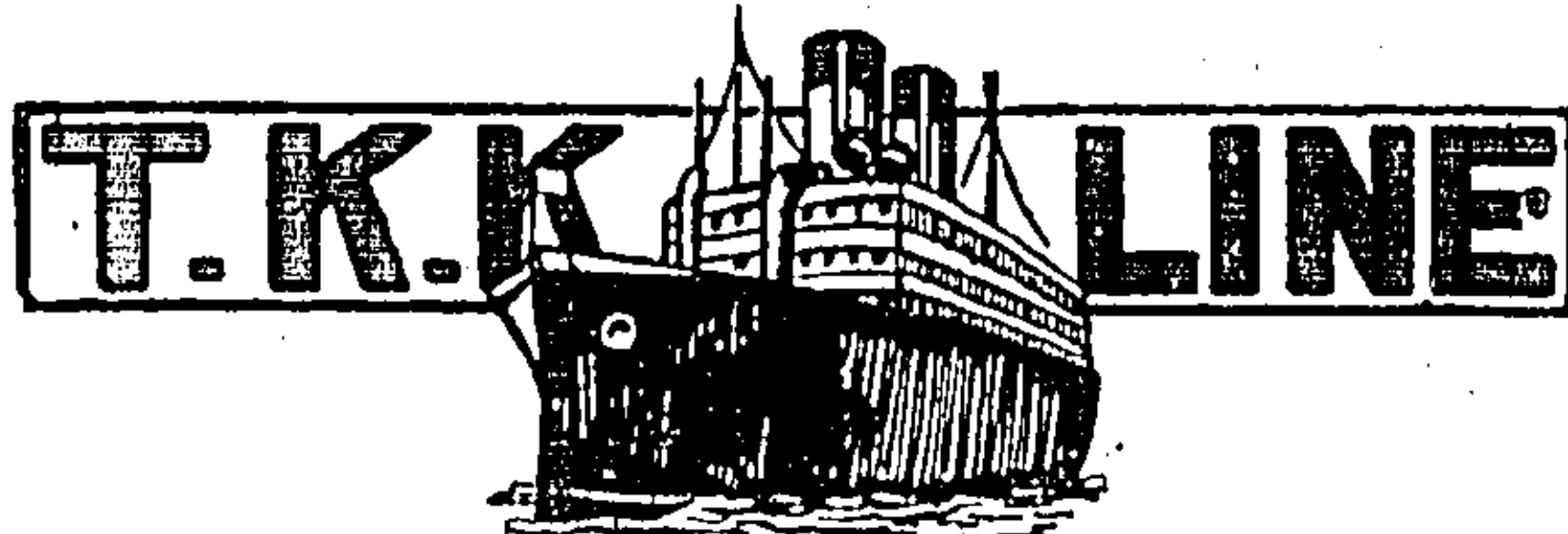
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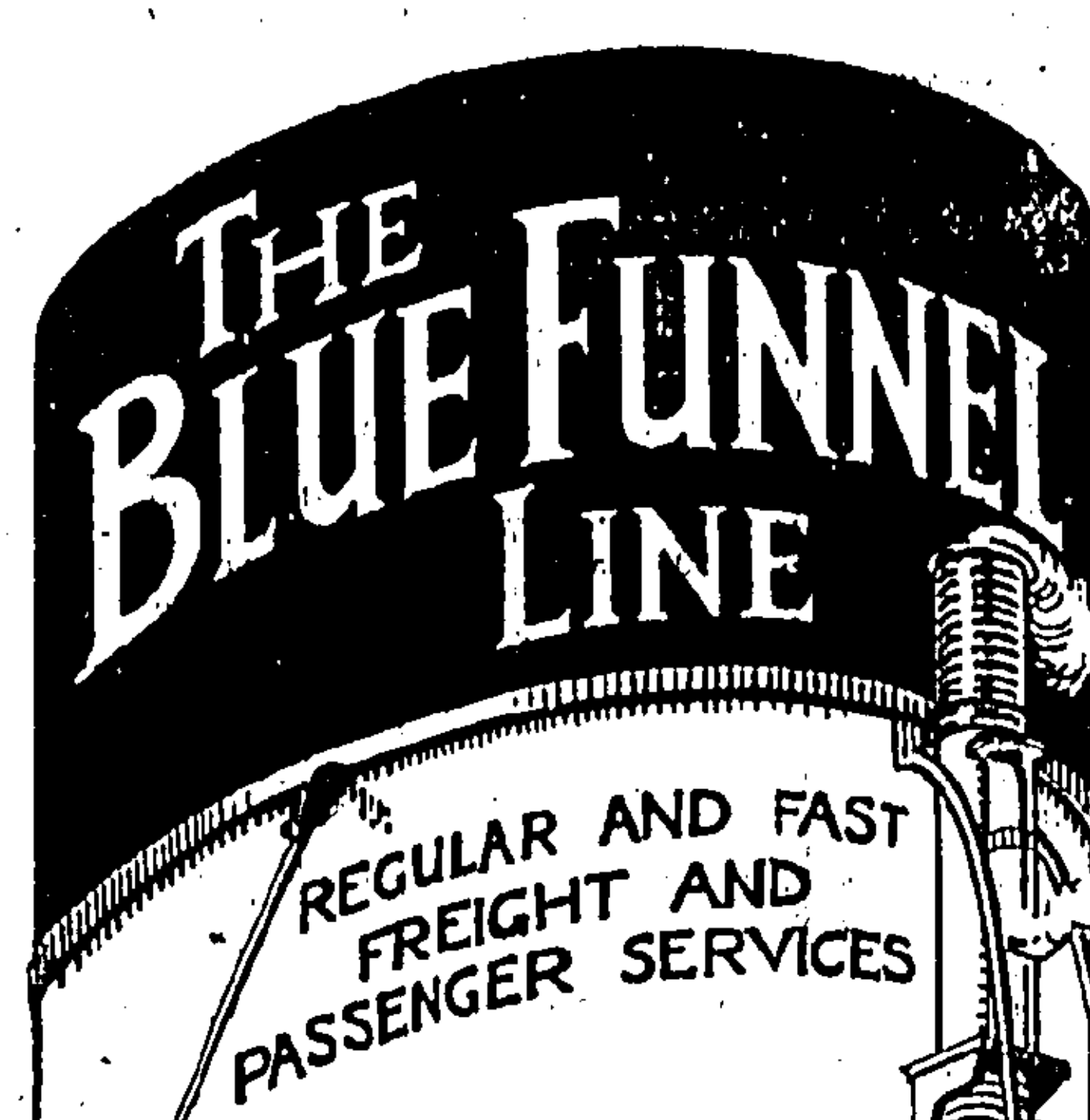
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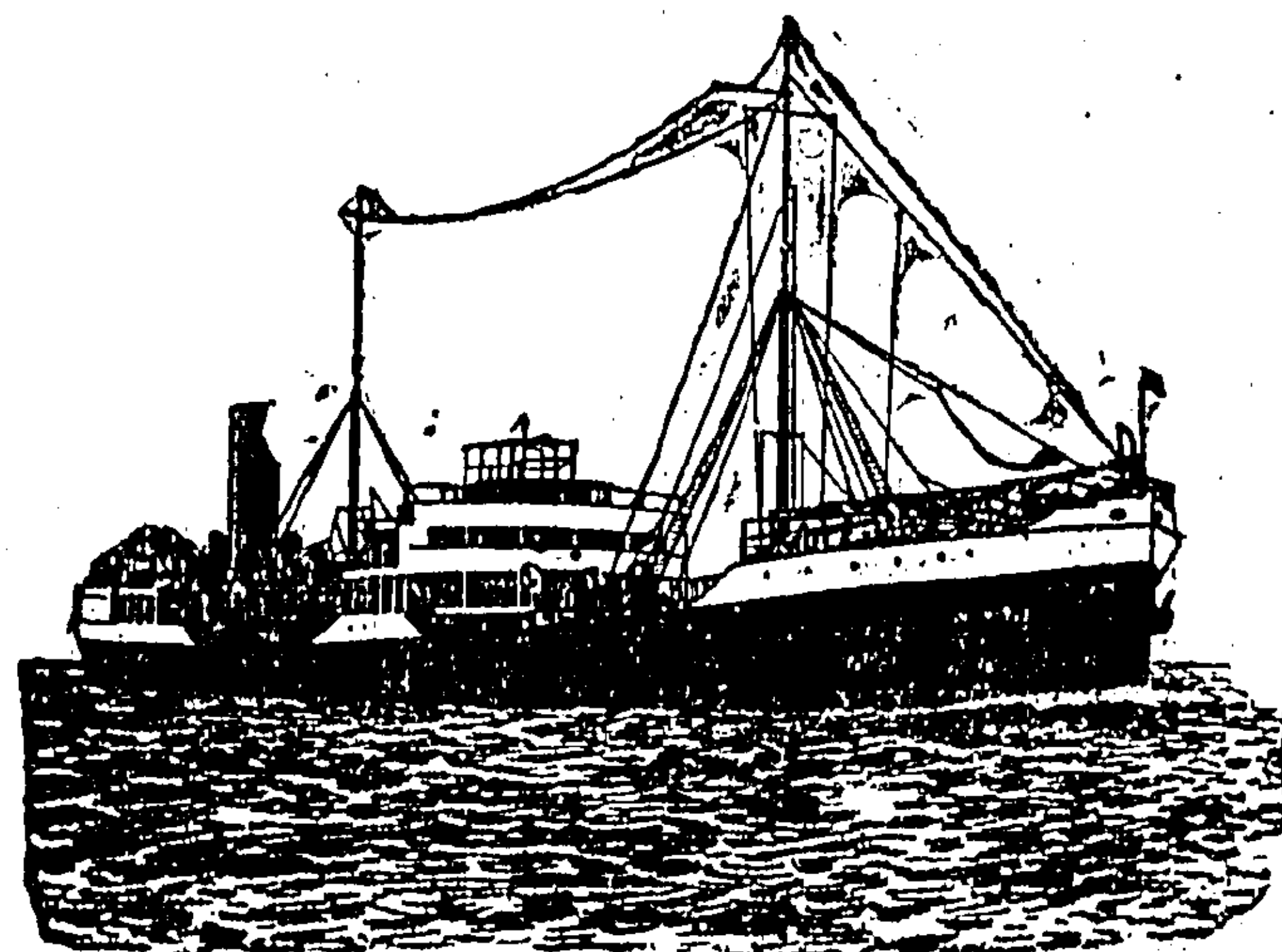
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MALWA	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London
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KALYAN	8,118	15th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko.
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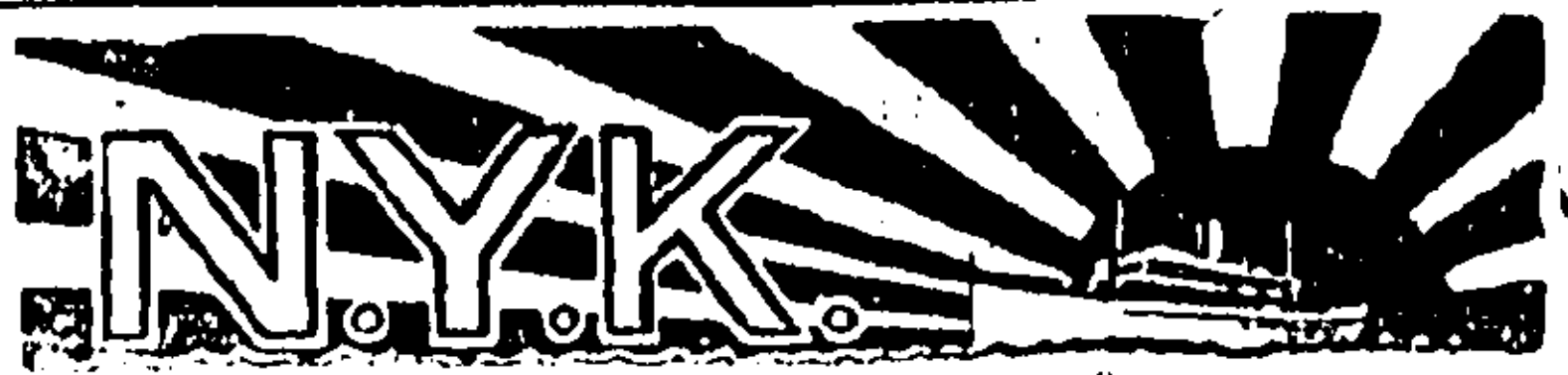
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and/or extra hazardous godowns
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loon, & stored at consignees' risk.
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Fresh monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.19 inch. Total since January

1st, 19.00 inches, against an average of 7.23 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Formosa Channel	N. winds, strong
2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lameoos	N. and N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, with drizzle or mist, probably improving.
3 H'kong to Gap Rock	N. and N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, with drizzle or mist, probably improving.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	N. and N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, with drizzle or mist, probably improving.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong, April 8.

GAMBLING AT SHANGHAI CLUB.

BRAZILIAN CONSULATE'S CONDUCT.

The suggestion that the Brazilian Consulate authorities had refused to assist the Shanghai Municipal Police in the matter of a gambling house in Broadway was made in the course of proceedings in the Police Court, Shanghai, when Mr. Tamwa, of 626 Avenue Joffre, was summoned before Mr. G. W. King with knowingly and wilfully permitting the premises of the Bohemio Club, 125 Broadway, to be used for gambling. Defendant is the owner of these premises.

Mr. E. T. Maitland appeared to prosecute for the police and Mr. H. Lippson Ward appeared for Mr. Tamwa.

In opening the case for the prosecution, Mr. Maitland said that the premises were known as the Bohemio Club and were leased by defendant to Messrs. A. Landau and S. Weingarten, Brazilian subjects. Application was made, first in January and again in February and March, to the Brazilian Consulate for a warrant authorising the police to raid the premises, but on each occasion the police were unsuccessful in obtaining one. Although the place was called a "Club," anyone could go there and play, as would be shown. Inspector O'Toole warned defendant what the men were who were running the Club.

Wise to Change His Tenants. For defendant, Mr. Ward submitted there was no case to answer. There was not the slightest evidence that he knew the place was used for gaming, and if, on the evidence, the Court held that he had "knowingly and wilfully" permitted the premises to be used for unlawful gaming, the Court would be making it a crime for a man to lease a building to a club. The whole proceedings were due to the fact that the police could not get at the proprietors of the club, owing to the conduct of the Brazilian Consul.

The Magistrate, in giving his decision, said there was evidence that defendant was warned that his tenants were suspected of being professional gamblers, and evidence that gambling took place at the so-called "club," but there was no evidence that defendant "wilfully and knowingly" permitted the premises to be used for gambling. If British people were concerned, the Bohemio "Club" would undoubtedly be condemned as a gaming house. On the evidence, he could not find that defendant had wilfully and knowingly permitted gaming to take place. With the knowledge he now had, it might be wise for Mr. Tamwa to change his tenants. The case was then dismissed.

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"Nobody," the Roland West production for Associated First National Pictures, Inc., starring Jewel Carmen, began a four days' engagement at the Queen's Theatre yesterday.

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Director West likewise has shown rare judgment in selecting his cast; each actor fitted the part and enacted it with startling fidelity. Riley Hatch, as a grouchy juror, was noteworthy in the manner in which he put over the characterization, and William Davidson played the role of John Rosemore with a finished art.

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T/T, Singapore	129	Demand, Bombay	151
T/T, Japan	151	T/T, Calcutta	151
T/T, India	151	Demand, Calcutta	151
Demand, India	151	On Yokohama	109½
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Straits	Sunning	8th
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	8th
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For	Per	Date.
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Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kato M.	Thurs., 9 inst., 9.30 a.m.
Saigon	Van Cloon	Thurs., 9 inst., 11 a.m.
Shanghai	Drafe	Thurs., 9 inst., 12.30 p.m.
Holbow & Haiphong	Nanchang	Thurs., 9 inst., 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius & E. Africa	Loosang	Sun., 10 inst., 8.30 a.m.
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